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Lesbian Discussion Group In Redding

Dear Editor:

The Lavendar Circle is a lesbian discussion group and will begin meeting on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month beginning January 9th from 4-5pm. We are a lesbian organization dedicated to bringing together lesbians interested in finding a safe, supportive and comfortable environment in which to share thoughts and ideas.

Topics for the discussion are to be chosen from among the women at each meeting. If you know women in the Redding area who might be interested, please have them contact us. All lesbian women 18 and over are welcome to join the group. Info: call 530-243-3891.

Sue Wenke
Redding, California

POSTCARD QUEEN GRACES BEE PAGES

Bee Photograph/Erhardt Krause

Sacramento Bee writer Gloria Glyer included the following photo and story about Sacramento AIDS Foundation holiday fundraisers.

Gary Meyerscough and Sharon Davis

Who: Sacramento AIDS Foundation

Two events: The Judy Collins Concert and the Let the Miracles Begin holiday gala.

Concert details: 5 p.m. Dec. 5 in the Masonic Temple, 12th and J, $60 adults, $25 children. Along with star Collins, the Sacramento Men's Chorus will perform, and St. Nicholas will attend with his helpers. Dessert fruit buffet will begin the party.

Miracles details: 5 p.m. Dec. 6 in the Sacramento Capitol Club, 400 Capitol Mall; $50 per person. Holiday gala includes hosted bar, gourmet buffet, entertainment by Mercy Me! and auction (one item is a lifetime membership in Sacramento Capitol Club worth $5,000). Kelly Brothers of KCRA (Channel 3) will emcee.

Reservation numbers: 448-2437, talk to Georgia Mering, Ext. 228, for the Collins concert; Brenda Heckes, Ext. 222, for Miracles.

Who benefits: Proceeds from the concert will assist the more than 200 men, women and children who are clients of the foundation, which provides care, advocacy and education to meet the challenge of HIV in Northern California. The Miracles holiday gala raises funds for the Hand-to-Hand Project, which matches volunteers with men, women and children who have AIDS. The volunteers provide emotional and practical support by developing friendships and offering support.

As members of the Sacramento AIDS Foundation board of directors, both Sharon Davis and Gary Meyerscough are directly involved in the two fund-raising events in December.

"I work on all things," said Meyerscough, "but fund-raising in particular." He explained that the first Miracles party was held to salute the volunteers. "The volunteers are the bottom line," he said. "The event helps support their efforts in the Hand-to-Hand program and the Little Hands, which deals with children. The Little Hands gives emotional support and positive role-modeling to children who are HIV positive or who have an HIV positive parent.

"You have to help the mother whose children are going through a crisis. We want to keep the children drug free, in a safe environment."

Placing Ad About Research Study

Dear Editor:

I am a lesbian university professor, currently doing a research project on lesbians and their sisters. There has been little research on how sisters are similar or different in adulthood. In order to obtain respondents, I would like to place the following announcement in your newspapar/magazine:

STUDY OF LESBIANS AND THEIR SISTERS

University professor is looking for volunteers to complete a survey about how lesbians and their sisters are similar or different. To participate, please contact: Esther Rothblum, P.O. Box 1139, John Dewey Hall, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT., 05405.

esther.rothblum@uvm.edu and leave mailing address.

The Drag Queen's Guide To Traveling

Dear Editor:

Since some of you will be traveling this holiday season, I wanted to refresh your memories on proper Diva airline and airport rules:

Remember that the concourses at the airport are NATURAL runways. WORK IT. You have to be ON. That's 5, and 6, and turn, and walk. BE Christy Turlington. Go with sunglasses and a scarf - very Hollywood. Don't let those trashy flight attendants tell you what to do. If they knew anything at all about getting a man, they simply would NOT be serving Cokes in a polyester pant-suit nor would they be able to fit all of their clothing for a trip into a single bag. Put your foot DOWN honey - right from the very beginning.

When they make the announcement about seat-backs and tray tables, they do NOT mean you. Take all the room you need honey for those cosmetics. That thing about turning off all portable electronics does NOT apply to lighted vanity mirrors, curling irons, or blow-dryers.

When the captain makes the announcement about descending, do NOT let him rush you.

If you are not done putting your look together, hit your "call" button and have him circle for a while. You paid for that ticket - now get your MONEY'S worth.

That rule about 2 pieces of carry-on is simply UNACCEPTABLE. In the event of an emergency landing, you simply MUST have access to a sporty outfit and a shoe with a modest heel. For a water landing, a one-piece swimsuit with a matching swim cap is a must. You can't be expected to fit all of that into 2 carry-ons. Ridiculous. Oh, and ignore that thing about leaving carry-on luggage behind in an emergency. No one MOVES until that luggage is accounted for.

When they have determined what gate you will be arriving at, have the captain call ahead to the gate for soft lighting. You do NOT want to be looking like a deer in the headlights when you get off the plane.

Do NOT be the first one off the plane. Make him WAIT! Get yourself together and take your TIME. When you walk through the gate, he should be standing there with long-stemmed roses, imported chocolates, and most importantly - a luggage cart.

Later,
Mark Bentley

Author Enjoys MGW

Dear Editor:

I continue to enjoy MGW very much - what a great job you've done for us throughout the years! All the best in '99.

Katherine Forrest
Author of Curious Wine
San Francisco

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by Lee Nichols
MGW/Contributing Editor

Lead story: 1999 promises to provide us all with 12 months of turbulence, from Clinton's probable trial in the Senate in January to your PC catching a bad case of Alzheimer's in December and not being able to figure out what year comes after '99. In between, Vermont will decide if we can get married in the Granite State; Sacramento will be the site of a commitment ceremony which may rend the Methodist church asunder; Republicans will try to decide if their party is to be democratic or theocratic; Gray Davis will be required to decide, finally, just how Republican he really is; hate crimes legislation, employment rights, and AIDS funding will test the capacity of the withered GOP majority in Congress to resist decency; and in our own Capitol, a strengthened Democratic party will face the challenge of deciding whether to do what's right, or continue tilting right.

> **1999**
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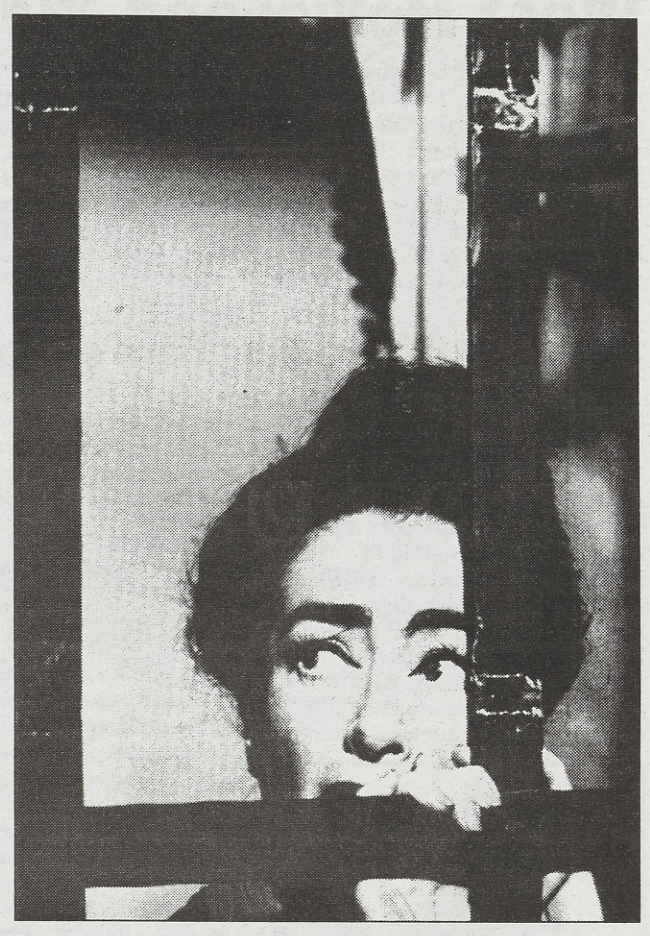
This last issue may prove to be the most contentious for us here in Sacramento, and, indeed, throughout California. For, as three savvy Capitol-ists pointed out at the recent meeting of C.A.P.E. (California Alliance for Pride and Equality), "every good man (and woman) must come to the aid of the (Democratic) party" in 1999 to assure that the Dems get to draw the political map in the year 2000. As they explained, the way the map of Congressional and State legislative districts is drawn will determine who rules California (and probably the nation) for the next decade.

Thus, the pro-gay (and also gay-gay) spokespersons told the assembled activists, in effect, "Don't expect the politicians you voted for to support justice and equality for lesbians and gays because they're going to be busy leaning to the right so they can get reelected so they can assure Democrats keep getting elected so they can go on ignoring us while they work at getting reelected."

Maybe 1999 isn't going to be so different after all.▼



Bette Davis looking at the current political scene in horror! Photograph from the movie, *Sweet Baby Jane* used from The Glassner Collection, "Bette Davis: A Biography in Photographs".

Dome Shootings Panic Clubbers in Australia

The Dome, a nightclub was the scene of a double shooting, which left one security guard hospitalized and customers fleeing. Up to 100 customers watched in horror as a man in his mid-twenties pulled a gun on security guards following a vicious brawl at the front door of the club.

The Dome is well known for its strict door policy. The four men had been refused admittance only three weeks earlier. One staff member told 'MSO' he believed the men came to the club looking for a fight. When they were refused entry a second time they attacked staff with poles.

He believes they may have been under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Owners of other Australian bars stated that they are not concerned that this is a trend, but are looking at installing metal detectors to ensure the safety of all patrons.▼

Gag Order Sought in Laramie Case

Prosecutors are trying to seal the criminal files of the two men accused in the death of Matthew Shepard and prevent attorneys or police from talking about the case.

Prosecutor Cal Rerucha also has filed a motion to combine the pending first-degree-murder trials of Aaron McKinney, 22, and Russell Henderson, 21. The girlfriends of the two Laramie men pleaded not guilty to accessory charges in the death of Shepard, who was hit 18 times in the head and left tied to a fence after leaving a Laramie bar October 6.▼

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AROUND THE WORLD

West Hollywood Walk of Fame

This past month at the West Hollywood City Council meeting, West Hollywood City Council Candidate, Jeorme Cleary presented a verbal proposal to develop a "West Hollywood Walk of Fame." "This project would not only compliment, but would be the crowning accent to the already-planned Santa Monica Boulevard Project," Cleary said. The Walk of Fame project would differ from the renowned Hollywood Walk of Fame in its conceptual content and its aesthetic nature. First, while the Hollywood Walk of Fame offers tourists a look at stars of motion picture, television and radio, the West Hollywood Walk of Fame is intended to honor those who have made achievements in all known endeavors, such as science, government, human rights, entertainment, community involvement and more.▼

AMAZON.COM Takes Care of Homophobe

The online bookseller boasting the "world's largest bookstore," has severed all ties with Bob Enyart, political religious extremist and radio host, whose web site was an Amazon.com affiliate. (Through the affiliate program, web site owners can earn money through sales of books linked from their site to Amazon's.) Enyart, whose writings advocate the death penalty for homosexuals, sings songs with lines such as "homos roasting on an open fire," and takes pride in his self-acknowledged homophobia, was dropped from the Amazon.com Affiliates' program after they reviewed the contents of his web site and found it incompatible with their non-discrimination policies. Info: curry@amazon.com.▼

Shepard Murder Suspect Sentenced On Unrelated Charge

One of two men suspected in the beating death of gay college student Matthew Shepard was sentenced to one year in jail for an unrelated burglary charge. Aaron James McKinney, 21, of Laramie, was sentenced by state District Judge Jeffrey A. Donnell for burglarizing a local fast food restaurant Dec. 17, 1997. Donnell sentenced McKinney to two-to-five years in prison, then suspended the sentence and ordered him to serve one year in the Albany County Jail. McKinney was ordered to pay US$4,181.76 in restitution, with a portion to repay the restaurant for damages sustained during the break-in. He also was fined US$100. Info: http://www.eagles.bbs.net.au/~avp▼

Tulane Law School Review is Transgender Inclusive

Tulane Law School, now publishes Law & Sexuality: A Review of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Legal Issues. This is one of only two law reviews in the United States devoted to legal issues affecting the LGBT community. It is also the official journal of the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association (NLGLA) NLGLA is an affiliate of the American Bar Association and hosts the annual Lavender Law Conference (next in October in Los Angeles). This Spring will see Volume 8 with a comprehensive summary of AIDS law statues from the 50 states, DC and the Territories. Info: 504-865-5835▼

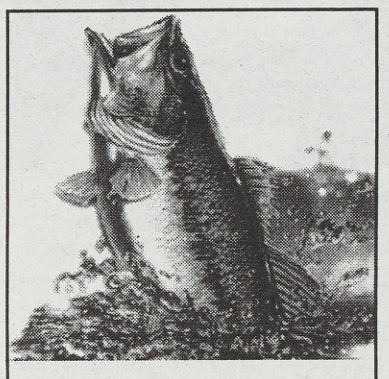
MGW/Linda Birner

Just In Case Of A Rainy Day...

Open Book owners Larry Bailey and Ron Grantz have a great selection of gifts, rainbow stuff and of course books.

Oregon Court Finds for G/L Rights

The Oregon Court of Appeals found that the state constitution requires same-sex domestic partners of state and local government workers to be offered the same benefits as those offered to opposite-sex spouses. While Oregon began to comply with this voluntarily last June, the decision in the case, Tanner v. Oregon Health Sciences University, makes the current policy binding. The judges found that "denial of insurance benefits to the unmarried partners of its homosexual employees" violates the "equal privileges and immunities" clause of the state constitution. Beatrice Dohrn, legal director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund (LLDEF), which filed an amicus brief in the case, observed, "The court said that the state discriminates against gay people when it uses marital status to determine which workers are entitled to government-controlled protections and benefits." Info: (212) 809-8585▼



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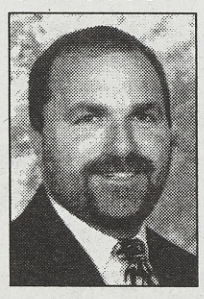

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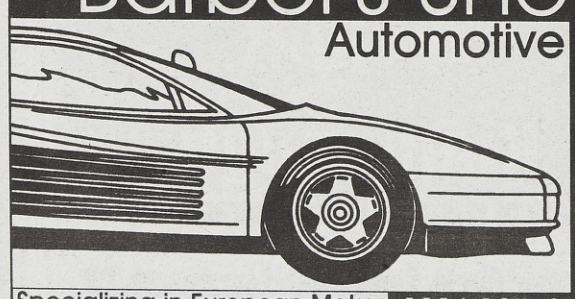

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New Study Debunks "GAY WEALTH" Myth

A report released in December debunks the widely cited figures regarding the relative wealth of the lesbian, gay and bisexual community. "The Myth of Affluence Among Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Americans" was issued jointly by the Policy Institute of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) and the Institute for Gay and Lesbian Strategic Studies (IGLSS.) The author, M.V. Lee Badgett, Ph.D., is a professor of economics at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, and is executive director of IGLSS. "Some gay, lesbian and bisexual people are poor, some are rich, and most are in the middle, just as hetero-sexual people are. Now that we have credible data, we can stop relying on flawed studies that were designed to find high income gay people." Info: (202) 332-6483▼

The Family Research Charade

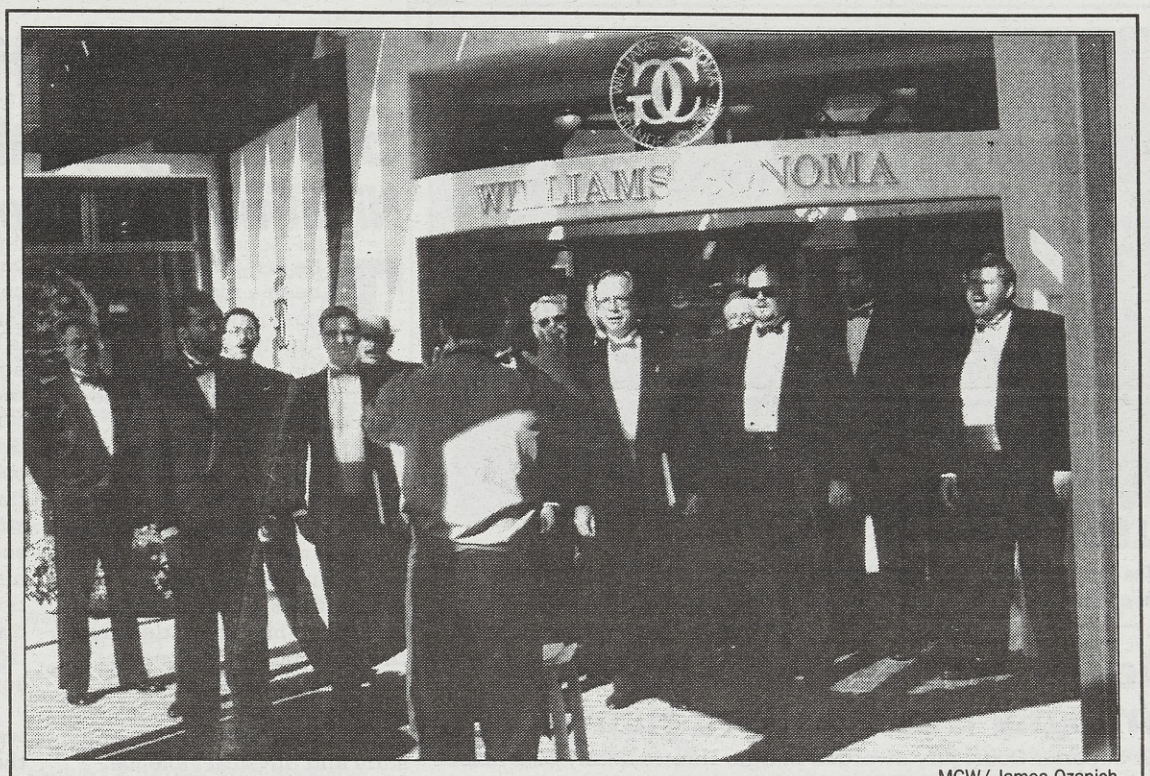
In an earlier issue of the New York Times, columnist Frank Rich wrote about the Family Research Council's continuous attack on the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community, deflating their rhetoric through good old-fashioned reporting —facts, and more facts. His column, entitled "The Family Research Charade," opens with a quote from one of Matthew Shepard's assailants, who allegedly taunted him by saying "It's Gay Awareness Week!" Recounting the facts that prosecutors have presented at the arraignments of the two men charged with Shepard's murder, Rich goes on to examine how political religious extremists are backpedaling away from their rhetoric, by claiming that their campaigns to "stigmatize gay people ...have nothing to do with anti-gay crimes."▼

The Trap Goes On

Out of control Detroit undercover cop Mark Bostic is at it again. Two more men called Attorney Rudy Serra complaining that they had been arrested for "offering to engage the services of another for an act prostitution" following a conversation in Rouge Park that included no mention of money or payment. Officer Bostic continues to fabricate statements the men deny making. Even if you believe Bostic's "creative" version, no crime is set forth. It is not a crime in Michigan for a competent adult male to express or confirm their willingness to engage in a private, non-commercial sexual act with another competent, consenting adult male. The Detroit Police and the City Law Department are carrying-on a bizarre and misguided war on sex. It's time for letters to the Mayor.▼

East High After The Homophobes

Last month, reporter Kristen Moulton visited East High School, which was the site almost three years ago of a fight over a gay/straight alliance that led to a ban on all extracurricular clubs at the Salt Lake City school. Moulton recounts the history, which began with a simple request from a student for a gay/straight alliance, which quickly upset the School Board and the Legislature. Rather than be forced to accept the club (under Federal guidelines, they cannot discriminate against "unpopular ideas"), they disbanded all extracurricular clubs, including the Young Republicans and Democrats, Students Against Drunk Driving and one for those with interests in UFOs. However, through the support of GLSEN, the Gay/Straight Alliance survived, meeting in a $6 an hour rented classroom at East High for one afternoon a week. One other club rents space as well. Info: Bill Beecham, Bureau Chief, Associated Press, 30 East 100 South, Suite 200, Salt Lake City, UT 84111, fax: 801.322.0051▼



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Mens' Chorus Celebrated At Pavillions

Manager Curtis Lee, and, the Director of the Sacramento Mens' Chorus, helped bring the holidays in with a performance in front of a Williams-Sonoma at Pavillions Shopping Center on Fair Oaks Boulevard.

Denver Post on The Hide & Seek

The Denver Post ran an article last month on the oldest gay bar in Colorado, called the Hide & Seek. The 27-year-old bar is located in Colorado Springs, which has recently been a battleground for lesbian and gay rights, and is home to religious political extremist groups, including Focus on the Family. Erin Emery writes of the two local men who opened the bar, Joe Brady and Tom Gehling. The Hide & Seek quickly became an ad hoc community center, where Metropolitan Community Church first held its services for the community, where the gay rodeo association still meets and where the gay Alcoholics Anonymous group met for a time. Emery includes another side of the story, the homophobia the bar owners and patrons have suffered: from the surveillance cameras and security guards protecting the bar, to the church picketers outside. However, violence is unusual, and that which occurs is usually destruction of property. According to Brady, the liquor board had never had a situation like this before -all previous applications had objections lodged against them. Please thank the Denver Post for this slice of local Colorado history, and of a bar which has found itself acting in times of need as the unofficial community center for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community in Colorado Springs. Info: letters@denverpost.com▼

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Gay Man Held Without Trial 90 Days and Counting:

Nightmare in Allegan Jail

The last 90 days have been a nightmare of homophobia for Allegan County Jail inmate Mike Batey. The nightmare started when two plainclothes state troopers showed up at the workplace of Batey, 32, to arrest him for criminal sexual conduct. The officers accused him of having sex with his two teenage nephews. The openly gay Fennville, Michigan resident has remained incarcerated since his arrest, despite the fact that there's been no trial. Since he arrived at the Allegan County Jail, Batey said he has been subjected to gay slurs and physical violence.

According to Michael Steinberg, the legal director for the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, it is a violation of Batey's rights to be confined in conditions that constitute cruel and unusual punishment. Batey contends he is innocent of the charges levied against him by his -law Dave, the mother and stepfather of his two nephews. He also feels that the parents of his nephews coerced the teens into making the accusations. Batey said he is still stunned by the brutal sequence of events leading to his present state of incarceration. He said he felt discriminated against by the legal system because of his sexual orientation.

On the day of his arrest, Batey was read his rights. He asked the officer to tell him the exact nature of the charges against him and was told that both of his nephews, ages 16 and 18, had stated that that they had been sexually active with him. Baffled, Batey told the officer that he didn't understand why his nephews would say such things. The next day, Batey was brought to court to be arraigned. The magistrate said he had been charged with one count of first degree Criminal

Sexual Conduct for oral penetration and one count of first degree CSC for anal penetration against his nephew who is now age 16. If convicted, the charges carry two life sentences. At this point, a lack of legal funding is the biggest roadblock facing Batey. He and Engelman have contacted Detroit-area attorney Rudy Serra, who said he wants to help with the case, yet without an adequate retainer, is unable to assist at this point. Info: (616) 454-2510▼

Mother Awarded $2.9 Million for Wrongful Death of Tyra Hunter

A Superior Court jury awarded Margie Hunter nearly $2.9 million in damages in the wrongful death civil suit she had brought against the city. Hunter is the mother of Tyra Hunter, born Tyrone Michael, who died on August 7, 1995. After sustaining critical injuries in a car accident, Tyra Hunter was denied treatment by firefighter and emergency medical technician (EMT) Adrian Williams when he learned that the transgender woman was anatomically male. While Williams was not himself held liable, the DC Fire Department was, as were the DC General Hospital and its attending emergency room physician Dr. Joseph Bastien, who allegedly misread x-rays (which are now missing) and neglected to provide her with blood which was at that point available. Info: (301) 949-3822▼

Advocates Press Legislature to Pass A Hate-Crime Bill

A coalition of advocacy groups said they want the state Legislature to pass a hate-crime bill by the end of the year – a measure the groups feel is now acceptable to a majority of the state's voters. The Hate Crimes Bill Coalition showed a recent survey conducted by Utica-based pollster John Zogby that showed 69 percent of those questioned favored some form of hate-crime legislation. The coalition used a poll by Zogby International to show support for hate-crime legislation. Sixty-nine percent of New Yorkers support a law that would increase penalties for crimes motivated by hate, while 20.9 percent oppose it, according to the poll. In New York City the legislation is supported by a 69.2 to 21.1 percent, the poll showed.▼

Anti-Gay Attack Leaves Man Cut, Bruised, and Branded

A man with anti-gay epithets written on his chest and stomach was found stumbling on San Francisco's Stanyan Street. When the man, who appeared to be in his twenties, was brought to St. Mary's Medical Center emergency room, he was incoherent and without identification, had cuts and swelling to his face, and was identified as "John Doe" after doctors were unsuccessful at bringing him to cognizance.

During the examination, Johnson discovered the words "You should all die," and "You don't deserve to live fucking queers," scrawled with a marker across the man's body. The man said that "he did not remember anything," according to Dr. Lloyd Johnson, the emergency room doctor who conducted the examination.

Officer Sherman Ackerson of SFPD believes Doe might have taken a popular underground drug, Gamma Hydroxy Butolatic acid (GHB), either voluntarily or unknowingly. "GHB can cause amnesia in high doses", according to Jane Dyer, a specialist in GHB, though "it is more likely that the victim suffered a blow to the head, causing the amnesia." At press time, the man was still unidentified and in the hospital. Investigators had no further information on the matter.▼

Bergen Record on The Family

The Bergen Record's December 6 edition contained a lengthy article on lesbian and gay families with children, written by Ruth Pawader. The article profiles Ann McQuinn and Terry McKeon, a lesbian and a gay man, who have had 3 children together, share a home and raise their 9-year-old and 7-year-old twins with the woman's partner, Joyce Weeg. The writer explores how this family illustrates options for gay men and lesbians, wish to have children, but don't want to raise them as single parents. Pawader speaks at length to Ray Drew as well, who is the executive director of Family Pride Coalition, the national organization of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender parents (formerly Gay & Lesbian Parents Coalition International.) Drew estimates there are approximately 2 million lesbian or gay parents in America, who are raising 3 to 5 million children.

The portrait of this family is one of depth and warmth, both exploring the way in which Terry and Ann decided to come together, both wanting children; and the legal and financial complexities in raising three children in a three adult household. In addition, the children's experiences are covered sensitively and with commonsense. Info: Contact: Vivian Waixel, Editor, The Record, 150 River Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601-7156, fax: 201.646.4310▼

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Sodomy Law, Upheld in Key '86 Case, Struck Down by Georgia High Court

Atlanta – Twelve years after the U.S. Supreme Court upheld Georgia's law against sodomy, the state's high court struck down a violation of the right to privacy. Gay rights activists opposed to anti-sodomy laws in 18 other states welcomed the ruling, which overturned the conviction of a man who sodomized his teenage niece, and were especially pleased since it took place in Georgia. The state court voted 6-1 to overturn the conviction of Anthony Powell found guilty of sodomizing his 17-year-old niece in 1996. He had been charged with rape, but his lawyers argued that the sex was consensual and the jury acquitted him on that charge. Under the sodomy law, any oral or anal sex – heterosexual or homosexual, even if consensual - was illegal. Even though the Georgia law applied to both heterosexual and homosexual activity, it was seen as an example of discrimination against homosexuals. Harry Knox, interim director of the Georgia Equality Project Foundation, stated that the law "made gays and lesbians a target for unjust police action in the past and unjust prosecution. Justice George H. Carley wrote that the majority misconstrued the Constitution and "usurped the legislative authority of the General Assembly to establish the pubic policy of this state."▼

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The Sky's The Limit On GLS Outings!

At the Colusa National Wildlife Refugethe G/L Sierrans saw huge flocks of wintering waterfowl, with many colorful varieties of ducks, geese, swooping hawks, and harriers. Info: call Gay & Lesbian Sierrans, 733-2102 for info.

Migden Introduces Small Business Domestic Partner Health Benefits Bill

Assemblywoman Carole Migden (D-San Francisco) introduced legislation to require health insurers and HMO's to offer access to domestic partner health insurance coverage to small businesses seeking to offer the benefit to their employees. The bill would require the state to provide a domestic partner registry to document eligibility for health coverage and require hospitals to extend visitation rights to domestic partners. Over 500 major companies nationwide offer domestic partner benefits to employees with unmarried partners, including Disney, Lotus, IBM, Bank of America, and Chevron. Many smaller businesses are not able to offer the coverage because they do not have the leverage to negotiate individually with insurers or self-insure to provide the benefit. Recently, several large health plans such as Kaiser Permanente, Blue Cross, Blue Shield, Health Net, and Pacificare have begun offering domestic partner health benefits. Similar legislation passes the legislature last session with bi-partisan support. However, Governor Pete Wilson vetoed it. Governor-elect Gray Davis indicated during the campaign that he would have signed the bill.▼

Huffington, Warren Come Out

Former California Congressman Michael Huffington, as well as North Carolina Superior Court Judge Ray Warren both made their sexual orientations public: Huffington in an interview with Esquire magazine, and Warren in a press conference held in Raleigh, NC. Both have run as Republicans during their careers. Huffington, who ran the most expensive House and Senate campaigns in the history of the state of California, discussed his marriage (to syndicated columnist Arianna Huffington), his political career, and his struggles with his sexual orientation with David Brock, a reporter who also recently came out. With his announcement, Judge Warren becomes the highest ranking openly gay official in the state of North Carolina. Info: (202) 347-306/ info@lcr.org▼

FBI Reviews A Civil Rights Complaint By Gay Couple

In Lakeland, Florida, A gay couple are accusing a neighbor of harassment, saying he displayed a Confederate flag, hung out a rope tied in the shape of a noose and erected an insulting sign. Until recently, the couple, Raymond Maxwell and Gary LaRose, seemed to get along with Ronald Trim, 43, with whom they often socialized during backyard cookouts. But LaRose, 42, filed a complaint alleging civil rights violations by Trim.

FBI spokeswoman Juana Klim confirmed that the FBI is looking into the allegations, but wouldn't elaborate. The American Civil Liberties Union also has been working with LaRose to help him obtain a restraining order against Trim. The dispute goes back to a neighbor who accused Trim's five dogs of killing some rabbits she had been raising in her backyard. Trim, who is white, accused Maxwell, who is black, of pointing the finger at his dogs. From there, things escalated.

Trim said he raised a Confederate flag, which still flies, in his front yard. He also constructed a platform, put a tripod on top of it, and attached a hangman's noose.

Trim said he put up the flag after he "got tired of looking at it in the living room." The signs weren't really homosexual-related slurs because he hyphenated the word, he said. The hangman's noose, Trim said, is used "to slaughter hogs." Maxwell and LaRose said they are afraid things will turn violent. "He used to brag about being in the Ku Klux Klan when we were friends," Maxwell said. "He said I was the only black man he let ride in his truck." LaRose said he just wants to feel safe in his home. "I have a 3-year-old I am trying to raise," he said of his niece, Trisha. "I just want to live a normal life."▼

Toledo City Council Passes Rights Ordinance

The Toledo Ohio City Council voted unanimously to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation, among other characteristics, in housing, employment, and public accommodations. The bill, which was introduced by openly gay Council member Louis Escobar, bans discrimination based on race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, handicap, age or sexual orientation.

Few speakers at a hearing on the bill opposed it, and those on the City Council were surprised at the lack of controversy. Info: (419) 245-1050▼

NYC AIDS Group Confronted with Heavy Police Presence

World AIDS Day was marked by a march by activists to New York City Hall, which was to culminate in a press conference on the steps of the building. After the Mayor of New York, Rudolph Giuliani, fought in court for the organization's right to hold the event at City Hall, the approximately 200 people who participated were still met with over 100 police officers, and by 2 New York City Police Department helicopters, watched by two sharpshooters and made to enter holding pens after passing through metal detectors. Officials insisted that the officers were necessary because of possible terrorism targeting City Hall and that Housing Works had overestimated the number of people that might participate. However, Housing Works co-executive Director Charles King was quoted in the New York Blade as saying, "It was a game, played by the mayor, in an attempt to make this as demeaning as possible." Info: (212) 966-0466.▼

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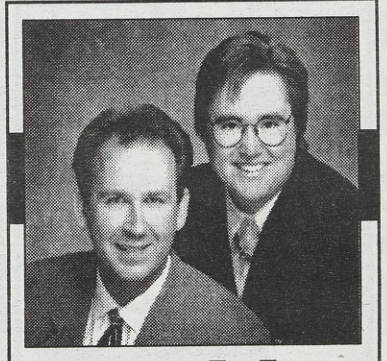

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World's Oldest Annual AIDS Benefit To Raise Funds For L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center's Jeffrey Goodman Special Care Clinic

The 15th annual S.T.A.G.E. (Southland Theatre Artists Goodwill Event)- this year celebrating the classic Broadway music of Richard Adler, Jerry Bock and Cy Coleman — will take place February 26-28, 1999. Music from such Broadway musicals as Fiddler on the Roof, Pajama Game, Sweet Candy, Damn Yankees, The Will Rogers Follies, Fiorello!, On the Twentieth Century, She Loves Me, Barnum and many others will be performed by all-star cast.▼

Attorney General Says Hate-Crime Law is Adequate

State Attorney General Mike Fisher declined to take a position on whether the state law in Pennsylvania on hate crimes should be expanded to include offenses related to a victim's sexual orientation. U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno called for expanding the federal hate-crime law to include sexual orientation. Gov. Ridge has said he would sign such a bill if it passed the Legislature. The comments followed the beating death of Matthew Shepard, a Wyoming college student who was targeted, authorities said, because he was gay. Fisher, however, said assaults, harassment, or other offenses committed against homosexuals could be prosecuted under existing law.

State Rep. Lita I. Cohen (R., Montgomery), who has sponsored Legislation to define crimes based on sexual orientation as hate crimes, disagreed. "I don't think it is sufficient," she said. "You can prosecute someone for assault, but when you add hate crimes, the punishment is greater." Cohen added that criminal defendants often try to reach plea bargains with prosecutors to reduce the charges initially filed against them.

One would add sexual orientation to the hate-crime definition; the other would require state police to document suspected hate crimes related to sexual orientation.▼

Radio Station Apologizes For Mock Bashing

A South Florida radio station issued both written and on-the-air apologies after entertainers at a station-sponsored fundraiser staged a mock gay bashing. According to Gays United to Attack Repression and Discrimination (GUARD), the incident occurred at a park in Hollywood, Fla., during a "wrestling" fundraiser sponsored by station WHYI for a community anti-drug abuse program.

The wrestlers "behaved in poor taste and actually promoted through their 'act' the idea that gay bashing was funny," wrote David R. Ross of WHYI's parent company Clear Channel Communications. "We are very apologetic."▼

Omaha Vigil Draws About 300

About 300 people in Memorial Park mourned the passing of Matthew Shepard, his murder reminding Gays & Lesbians especially of their own vulnerability. Also, at least 5 people were assaulted in Nebraska for being gay since 1993.

Three of them were murdered. According Jay Jankovich, former editor of the defunct Times of the Heartland Gay newspaper, police reports said the crimes were partially anti-gay violence. Jankovich said there's quite a difference in our attitudes today compared to '93 because the public here held a candlelight vigil for Matthew Shepard but never did for the others. "We've progressed," he said.▼

Catch A Monkey By His Toe

Lynn Criswell will have a showing of her new paintings at the Michael Himovitz Gallery from January 6 through February 13, 1999. The above painting includes the use of mixed media; cast bronze, aluminum, lead and plaster on panel. The Himovitz Gallery is located at the Building on the Boulevard at 1616 Del Paso Boulevard, Suite 3. For info; call 929-7896.

Is Teletubby Doll Singing Gay Slurs?

The Itsy Bitsy Entertainment Company said it has received "a call or two" from people concerned that a Playskool "Talking Teletubby" doll is singing an anti-gay slur when her tummy is squeezed. Teletubbies, a whimsical British program for preschoolers that airs in the United States on PBS, has been previously applauded by gays for featuring a male character, Tinky Winky, who carries a purse.

A gay man in Columbus reported being startled when he squeezed the tummy of the "Talking Teletubby Plush Po" doll and heard a phrase sounding like "faggot ... faggot."

An on-line link to the Plush Po doll's sounds, at http:// www.bearworld.co.uk, reproduces the sound, too, along with several other sounds. One word sounds very much like "faggie." Info: http:// www.eagles.bbs.net.au/~avp▼

Seattle University President Publicly Defends Gay Students

Seattle University President Father Stephen Sundborg, S.J. broke the university's silence around campus homophobia this week when he issued a formal statement in response to a letter to the editor published in the campus newspaper.

"Never remain silent when you hear prejudice in your presence," Sundborg said in his statement, printed in the November 12 issue of The Spectator.

Sundborg wrote that ever since the Matthew Shepard murder, Gay and Lesbian students have endured threatening phone calls, shunning and vandalism. "Silence is interpreted as condoning the prejudice," Sundborg wrote. He publicly apologized to the students who were victimized and wants them to feel "welcome and respected" in the Seattle University community.

President Sundborg submitted his letter to the newspaper after Jake Floyd, the Vice President of the campus Gay and Lesbian organization, received harassing and threatening phone calls. Over the course of several weeks, the calls, which started out asking, "Is this where the faggot lives?" got more threatening, warning Floyd to "look out for a repeat of the Matthew Shepard incident." The SU sophomore called the campus public safety office and immediately reported the incident.

At the same time the university president wrote his letter, expressing his commitment to learning about and respecting each other, Sharon Cumberland, a professor in the English Department, began a solidarity campaign of her own.

"I am wearing a pink triangle from now on," Cumberland said in a letter to the editor of The Spectator. Cumberland, who has a basket of pink triangle and rainbow pins outside her office in the Casey Building, wants to show the misguided students that their cowardly acts of threatening our gay brothers and sisters are directed at all of us, and we, as a community will not stand for it.▼

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Texas Transgenders Included in Proposed LGBT Legislation

Texas Tansgenders are seeing the results of decades of work toward inclusion in proposed LGBT legislation. In 1999, Texas Transgenders will be included. In recent meetings with the Lesbian and Gay Rights Lobby of Texas (LGRL), the Texas Gender Alliance Information Network (T-GAIN) has been active in the text proposals of LGBT legislation proposed for the upcoming Texas Legislative Session beginning in 1999.

In the hate crimes proposal, transgenders will be covered under the combination of "perceived sexual orientation" and "perceived gender." Sarah De Palma, who heads up this effort, says, of course ,vital to transgender inclusion in each bill will be not just the language but a legislative history that will include transgender testimony in the committee hearings. Info: rhost@flash.net or 713-778-1416▼

Michigan Kills Hate Crime Bill

The Michigan State Senate rejected a last-ditch move to bring a hate crimes measure to the floor for a vote. HB 4674, which had already been approved by the state House would have amended Michigan's existing hate crimes law (Ethnic Intimidation Act) to allow longer sentences for those convicted of crimes motivated by homophobia. State Representative Lynne Martinez (D-Lansing) will reintroduce the measure in 1999, and told the "Detroit Free Press" that, "Changing attitudes takes time. We simply can't allow the hatred to continue. Sooner or later, even the Senators will see that." Senator Gary Peters (D-Pontiac) will work with her on a companion bill for the Senate, and he's not sure that the new session will bring any quick action on the bill because there will be many new faces in the legislature as a result of last month's elections.

Peters noted that there were Senators who told him that they would have supported the amendment itself, but they would not join him in the procedural vote to move it to the floor without its having been voted on in committee. Senate Judiciary Committee Chair William Van Regenmorter (R-Hudsonville) opposed the measure because he believes it fails to define the term "sexual orientation." (Ed. note: A number of courts have recognized that the term "sexual orientation" is now understood to mean heterosexual, homosexual or bisexual, despite some conservatives' efforts to paint it as possibly including pedophiles.) The bill had broad support from the state's prosecutors, police agencies, social workers, and others.

Not so patient as either Martinez or Peters, although grateful to both of them, executive director Jeffrey Montgomery of Detroit's gay and lesbian Triangle Foundation said, "We are profoundly disappointed with the action on the Senate floor today. The calculated and intentional procedural maneuvering that effectively killed HB 4674 is unconscionable.... The Senate Republican leadership could have made a strong anti-crime statement. Instead, they chose to remain silent, by stopping debate on the measure, and by that silence gave consent to beatings, killings, and further intimidation to a large segment of Michigan citizens."▼

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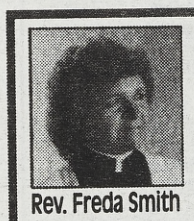
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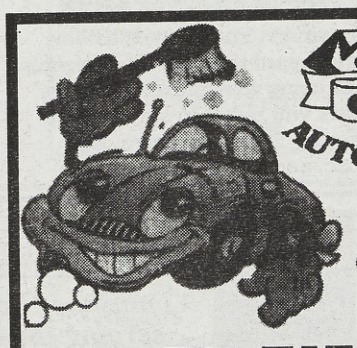
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HIV NEWSLINE

On the HIV front...

by Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

A look at the coming year, a glance at the past year...

Another year passes, and many with HIV disease are thriving on the new combination treatment regimens. The cure we've been waiting for did not come, and is not expected to. And we still have no medication to completely suppress viral replication. But continued medical advances have stabilized and improved health for many, and new combinations of medications are giving hope to those who cannot take the protease inhibitors.

In the early years of the epidemic, and for a decade afterward, it seemed inconceivable that anyone would be able to live with AIDS for any considerable length of time. Friends and lovers were able to survive only a couple of bouts with the two dozen opportunistic infections on the official list, and living only a short time after an AIDS diagnosis.

We understood the basics of how the immune system was impacted, and how AZT put up its nearly-single handed fight. But HIV is a virus that keeps developing resistance and changing its structure. We couldn't keep up with what it was doing inside the body, how it could hide and multiply, how it made people so horribly ill, with diseases and infections of its own creation. People tried one drug after another. We feared the same quick fate awaited almost everyone, even as we began to meet more and more who were living longer, who'd been positive for years.

MGW/Jeff De Lucio-Brock

San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus

The San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus Lollipop Guild performed for 130 men who attended "Manhunt: Dateless in San Francisco," the kick-off event of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation's Gay Life program, at Josie's Caberet & Juice Joint last month in San Francisco.

After a decade, the treatment strategy changed, with multiple medications simultaneously prescribed to hit the virus at different points on its way through the body. And then, along with the seemingly magical protease drugs that surfaced in the past couple of years came something else. Legitimate hope. Perhaps stronger than the medicine. Even for those for whom the new protease drugs don't work, a new spirit seems to have been born within. A realization that it is not over. That numerous combinations of medications are available to extend life-spans, and that even more are on the horizon.

Of course, there=s always a price. The side effects of these toxic medications can be devastating and even disallow some from using them. Adhering to the precise schedule for taking them can be mind-boggling.

California's 109,245 cases have resulted in 68,144 deaths since the beginning of this epidemic 17 years ago. In Sacramento, 2,657 cases have resulted in 1,644 deaths, and an estimated 5,000 are HIV positive. Over 1,000 people in Sacramento are dealing with AIDS, most taking complex drug combinations to stay as healthy as possible. Those who cannot take protease drugs, or who have failed various combinations over the years, must not despair when they hear how well others are doing. This is a time to make a commitment to use every available therapy aggressively, and work with your physician to keep trying new combinations. This can be an even more difficult path than the one for whom the Amagic bullet@ protease regimen is working. Physicians, friends and families can play a part by encouraging these 1,000 folks to stick to these difficult regimens, because they may need to do so, consistently, for many years to come. It's not hard for them to get discouraged by the endless disruption of their lives, focusing on a time schedule that dominates their whole day. But doing so is critical to avoid drug resistance.

We know that drug resistance is delayed once undetectable levels are reached, and this means a postponement of symptoms. But we have no idea how long the dramatic results recently seen in many can be sustained. For many, it's been three years thus far. It's possible that using toxic drugs for many years will result in serious side effects. Less expensive, less toxic, and easier-to-use drugs must be developed for truly long-term use. But we have more confidence now that drug manufacturers will continue to work toward this end because creating a family of drugs for the successful lifetime management of hundreds of thousands of people with HIV disease is a profitable venture.

Now when people get sick, there's a realistic expectation that they'll pull through the episode, get out of the hospital, gain the weight back. We have countless role models before us of long-term survivors who've been positive for well over a decade, who've been told many times over the years that they had six months to live.

Many among us have taken the time to learn the scientific terminology that goes along with an AIDS diagnosis. They take classes to understand the interactions of the medications, and work with their physicians to create the best strategy for their bodies. They watch their diets and follow through on exercise programs. They've cut back on alcohol and nicotine consumption, and some lucky ones have eliminated them altogether. They come together in peer support groups to meet the emotional, social, employment, and other issues that are part of the life of a long-term survivor. Dealing with AIDS is much more than taking pills.

The trauma of losing our friends remains. It's heartbreaking to realize that many of those we have loved, and lost, missed this reprieve by only weeks or months. We know the disease will continue to take from us. Early last year, the renewal of health led some into increased risk behaviors such as Abarebacking@ and other unsafe sex practices. But the community is paying attention again, realizing that this legitimate hope is hinged on strict adherence to dozens of rules that must be followed in order to live longer.

And new challenges face us. As re-entering the work force becomes a possibility for many, along with that comes the need for a complete understanding of the complex health care system and company insurance plans so there will be no interruption in the availability of the expensive medications needed to sustain them in the decades ahead.

Suddenly after years of preparing to die, many have now been given the time to identify what it is they want out of life, who they want in their life, what makes them happy, what they want to tell their families, when and how they will tell them, what they want to be remembered for. Our society still doesn't recognize that a life partner has a stake in your life, your health, the home you've created together. Now is the time to put your health care and other wishes in writing. Many have been shocked to see how families can treat life partners with no written protections. It's the first breath of fresh air in a long, long time. Take advantage of it.

None of us knows how much time we have been given, but our spirits now have a moment to recover, our hearts have a chance to flutter again for someone special, and we can pass on to the generations following us the lessons taught to us by this epidemic, and tell the story of a terrible time in the history of man when over 350,000 young Americans were quickly lost to a vicious virus, leaving this country with 80,000 AIDS orphans and untold numbers of grieving

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In Loving Memory
Of friends lost in January

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friends lost in January

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Ray Wintree

January 1987:
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Chuck Kitlinger
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Herman Adams, Jr.

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Joseph Torres
Glenn Olson
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Bob Foti
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Ron Drake
Michael Rosenberg
Scott Holkko
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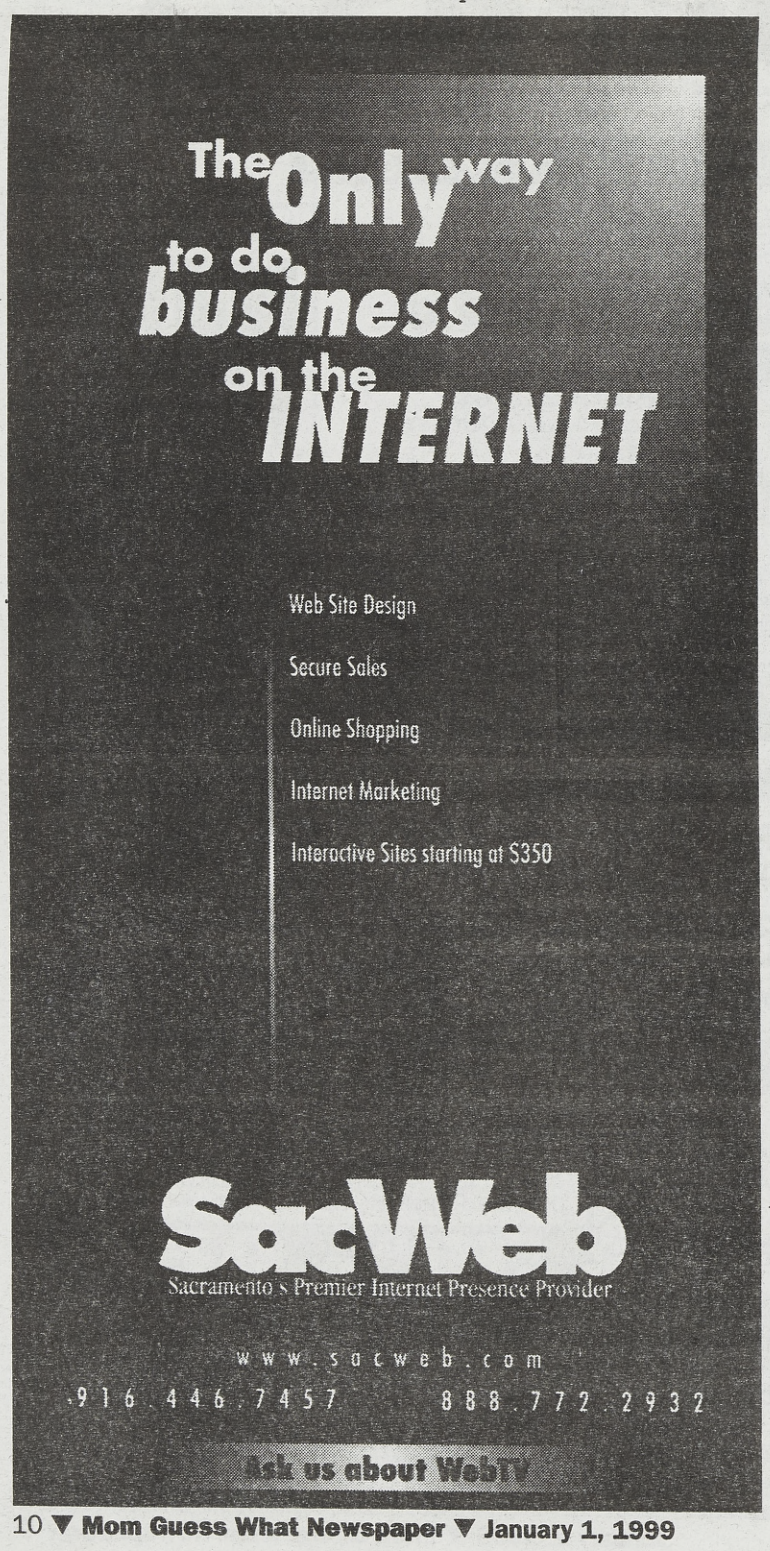
When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure!

To add the names of loved ones to MGW's remembrance column, call 737-0309.
For info about creating a NAMES Project memorial panel for those who have died of AIDS, call **484-4164.**



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A Look At The Past and The Future

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families and friends. It was a time when many of these same people screamed at the government, demanding access to experimental medications, and fair prices for them, and changed the laws of the land for the betterment of generations to come. It's a story of horror and raw courage. The story of the AIDS epidemic.

A healthy year to all my readers. May you see your dreams come true. - Sonya

A look at Geneva Conference highlights...

This 12th annual international event was the first to be able to celebrate that we=re finally moving forward. New drugs allow us to control viral replication. We know more now about how HIV and the immune system work. We realize that, although it appears there may be no cure, there will at least be a way to manage HIV and AIDS for a long period of time. At the other end of the spectrum, the steady high number of new infections (about 75,000 last year and about the same the prior year) reinforces that we cannot let up on education efforts to remind each other to never waiver in our safe sex practices. We need to take particular aim at women of color and people in the 13-24 age group C the highest rising groups.

Because the development of side effects and resistance can be related to the long-term use of protease inhibitors (PIs), there was much discussion at the conference about using drug combinations initially that do not contain a protease inhibitor, and saving the PI for later. Pros and cons of this strategy will continue to be a topic of discussion in the coming year. On the one hand, when treatments containing a protease inhibitor are given in the early stage of HIV, there has been a restoration of CD4 cells, reductions in HIV activity in cells, and increases in healthy cells. On the other side of the coin, it may be more advisable to wait since we have no idea how many years a person can take these powerful drugs without serious physical side effects.

The rates of all OIs (opportunistic infections) continue to decline. OIs are now rare in people with more than 200 T-cells, and can usually be successfully treated when they do occur. Limited data were presented at the conference about what to do about discontinuing PCP pneumonia prophylaxis (preventative treatment) when a person's cell counts rise up from a previous level below 200 achieved through a good treatment program (i.e., would the immune system respond to a drug-induced high T-cell count in the same way as to a high number that a person would naturally have closer to the time of initial infection?).

The scientists agreed that everyones worst nightmare would be for a person to become newly infected with a strain of the virus that is already immune to drugs. And the nightmare is at hand. In San Francisco, one of every 35 new infections (many from the homeless community) is already resistant to all four approved PIs and to most of the AZT family of drugs.

Combo regimen still not reducible...

Throughout the past year, studies were conducted to see if the dosages or times of drug regimens could be made less complicated, reducing the chances of making an error that might lead to drug resistance. Unfortunately, the studies thus far have concluded that not only does any reduction in the amount of drugs in the cocktail combinations allow the virus to rebound, but attempting to restructure the 3-times-a-day dosage into a twice-a-day regimen apparently does not work either. As we head into 1999, it appears that most people taking the meds will have to take them for life. But drug manufacturers and scientists continue to search for ways to simplify the current complex treatment regimen.

Researchers say they will focus more this year on ways to treat the side effects that are experienced by so many who take protease inhibitors and other powerful drugs as part of their drug program. About 25 percent on protease drugs for 2-3 years have experienced significant fat redistribution, sky-high triglycerides and high cholesterol.

Staying healthy...

Food Safety. Keep hot foods hot. Use a meat thermometer and cook until inside registers well done. Keep cold foods cold. Refrigerate leftovers to at least 40 degrees. Freeze at zero or below. Keep countertops, towels, and everything else clean to avoid salmonella bacteria. Use different cutting boards for raw foods and cooked foods. Change your sponges often. Beware of undercooked and uncooked eggs, rare meat, suchi, etc. Don't eat them, and don't serve them to people you care about. Salmonella loves raw foods. Don't use cracked eggs-salmonella also loves to lodge in cracked eggs. Thaw meat in the refrigerator, not at room temperature. Poultry may be thawed in cold water that is changed frequently.

Improve your food intake. Sometimes you may just not feel like eating. So try some of these tricks. Eat small, frequent meals throughout the day. Include high-calorie snacks. Never leave the house without munchies. Leave bowls of goodies around the house and nibble all day. Concentrate on nutrient-filled foods and drinks rather than filling up on low- or no-calorie foods. Prepare meals ahead of time on days you feel good so they'll be handy on days you may feel too fatigued to prepare something. Freeze them in individual servings. Keep lots of easy-to-prepare foods around (frozen dinners, canned foods, tuna and noodles, etc.). If you microwave foods, cook to the maximum time in the instructions. Follow microwave directions regarding "standing times" because foods continue to cook during this time as well. Enjoy take-out foods.

Eat by the clock; don't skip any meals. If a heavy meal is too much, have a small meal or snack every one or two hours. Eat your favorite foods. Enjoy them in pleasant surroundings with friends or family or even when alone. Sit at the table, turn on the music. Make high-calorie shakes (when blended with ice, they're especially nice to cool and soothe a sore mouth or throat). Add instant-breakfast drink to your mix, Ensure, yogurt, globs of sherbet or jam, power powder-anything with calories. Don't use real eggs for egg-nog drinks. Enjoy!

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The Doctor Is Definitely In!

The Halloween Boo Bash included "ER Resident", Adam Flynn, and the infamous "Biker Doc", Dr. Neil Flynn, and "Alfalfa" (from Spanky and Our Gang), Rick Henry celebrate "Trick and Treat Night", although seeing the center figure - this might be a *real* treat!

Around the house. Take a nap when your body tells you it wants one. Use lotions and creams with no alcohol. Alcohol can dry the skin. Dry skin can crack, and germs can get in. If you have any open sores, taking a shower is better than a bath. Use mild antibacterial soap, pat dry. Do not share your towel with anyone. Launder towels and washcloths often, in hot water. Germs, HIV, and contamination travel in "wet stuff" (be it semen, blood, runny stool, etc.). If this is the situation with your laundry, keep it separated from other household laundry, use rubber gloves to stuff it into the washer, and use hot water.

Use a soft toothbrush and clean your mouth three or more times a day. Or use a soft-tipped swab to clean your mouth at times when a toothbrush may be too harsh. Wash your hands. A lot. After using the toilet, before and after meals (if you're snacking all day, try to do this more often- and use hand lotion to avoid dryness). Wash each finger and under your nails, and rub for at least 15 seconds. Friction plus soap can get rid of bacteria.

Wash vegetables well before eating, especially if they've been grown with organic fertilizers. Keep your fingernails and toenails trimmed. Do not put your fingers into your mouth, or rub your eyes a lot. Keep the filters on air conditioners and humidifiers clean. Germs could be hiding there.

Get someone else to clean your birdcage, kitty litter, or fish tank if possible. If not, use gloves and cover your mouth if you're shaking bacteria into the air. Take care of your lungs.

Meds. Check with your physician to see which medications need to be refrigerated, and which have a photo-sensitivity side effect. You can quickly get a third-degree sunburn while using some medications. Watch out for one another at the beach if you see someone burning.

Don't wait until your medications are almost gone before getting them refilled. Give your physician and pharmacist time to do their job.

People surviving on the new combination medications now have time to experience some of the general medical problems associated with day-to-day living, such as rectal malfunctions (polyps, hemorrhoids, warts, etc.) or other situations where your physician might refer you to a surgeon. Should this happen, prepare yourself with information about every aspect of your upcoming ordeal, and take the time to recover at a pace that shall be set by your body.

Things to think about. When flushing the toilet, the germs are flying at a pretty quick speed. Put down the toilet seat before flushing.

In the absence of efficient needle exchange programs, there is no end to the places IV drug users will dispose of a needle once they're done with it. When washing in a public restroom, don't use your hand to jam the paper towel down into the waste basket. There could be a needle there. Before you plop into your seat in a dark theater, glance at it to make sure one hasn't been discarded there. Needles have also been found in the coin return slots in public telephones-the hard way, when a person stuck their fingers in to check for change that might have been left behind.

Sex. (You knew this was coming, if you'll pardon the pun...) Have it safely, and be proud that you're cautious. If you're into fantasy, leather or SM scenes, respect each other's limits. Use code words to tell partners when things are getting too rough or unsafe-they can be a creative and fun part of the fantasy scene. Keep blood and semen from getting into the bloodstream through scratches or burns. Wash toys with hot soap and water. Use latex gloves with lots of water-based lube to prevent glove tearing. For hot wax scenes, using cheaper waxes (like paraffin) that melt at cooler temperatures can help prevent breaks in the skin. Drugs and alcohol can alter a person's ability to make good decisions. Stay in control, and take care of one another.

And you know about not sharing needles, and about using condoms every time with every partner. Dispose of condoms properly if you're outside during the grand event. Little kids have been known to pick them up, thinking they've found a balloon.▼

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1998 timeline...

January

February

First Annual National Freedom to Marry Day Introduced February 12; Gary Miller elected President of the Robla School District Board; Gay Cruise Ship Denied dockage in Grand Caymen; Sundance Film Festival honored four gay films: Out of the Past, Divine Trash, Pink Flamingos, High Art.

March

Tower Records started their first Annual Tower to Tower Run

Sacramento Men & Women Chorus joined together for an evening of Bach to Bach.

MGW Writer, John Batchelor, left MGW Flash column and also, Sacramento Mayor Willie Brown married couples on San Francisco City Hall steps.

April

For MGW's April Fools issue, Hillary Clinton and Rosie O'Donnell Came Out! Assemblymember Carole Migden saved Caesar Salads in San Francisco! Pete Harned won his case in Federal Court! Lee Nichols joined MGW as Associate Publisher Golfer Patty Sheeham came out.

May

Political Campaigns geared up!

Delaine Eastin rides in The S.F. Gay Pride Parade.

June

Primary Election Results...Sheriff Lou Blanas won hands down! Gay Pride Festivals opened across the Nation! Monarchs Basketball team not doing so HOT! Greta Cammeyer visited Sacramento at Barbara Brass & Pat Thompson's home! Chastity Bono joined Sacramento's CAP/PAC Dinner at the Radison Hotel.

Michael Madden and Carl Battles with 2 condoms or... a winning ticket at the Sacramento Gay Pride Festival.

July

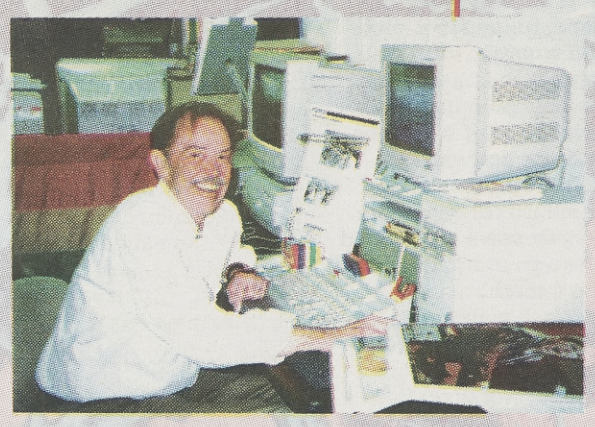
First G/L Chinese Conference held in San Francisco; Atlanta Woman took Sacramento's money for her unpublished G/L Directory and Runs!!

Sacramento Men & Women Chorus' join together for an evening of Bach to Bach.

Pete Harned won his case in Federal Court.

Gay Pride Parade in San Francisco.

The world watched as Elton John continued to mourn the death of his close friend Princess Diana, and in 1999 he will be doing an ad campaign against drinking and driving along with his ongoing fundraising efforts for the cure for AIDS.



Lee Nichols accepted the position of Associate Publisher with MGW Newspaper.

Hope for the Monarch's in 1999? 1998 wasn't up to Sacramentans expectations, maybe, 1999 will bring a better season! Lady Hardman (27) drove past Mercury guard Bridget Pettis, in route to a layup this past season.

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The Gay/Lesbian Sierrans organization grew with many new members that enjoy the outdoors. This trip was at Round Top Lake.

MGW/Ray Nelson

August

Gay Games in Amsterdam brought home 30 medals for Sacramento Athletes. Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss hits the screens!

September

Rainbow Festival drew record crowds and money!! AIDS Walk brought in $115,000.

October

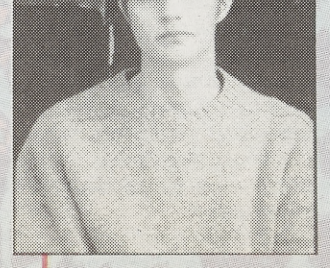
Valley Knights Motorcycle Club celebrated its' 22nd Anniversary Matthew Shepard was murdered in Wyoming.

November

MGW Newspaper started its 21st year!!!
Election brought us a Democratic Governor.
Outrage continued after Matthew Shepards Death.

December

1998 brought the brutal murder of Matthew Shepard. Sacramentans held a Candlelight Memorial at the Federal Bulding in honor of Shepard.



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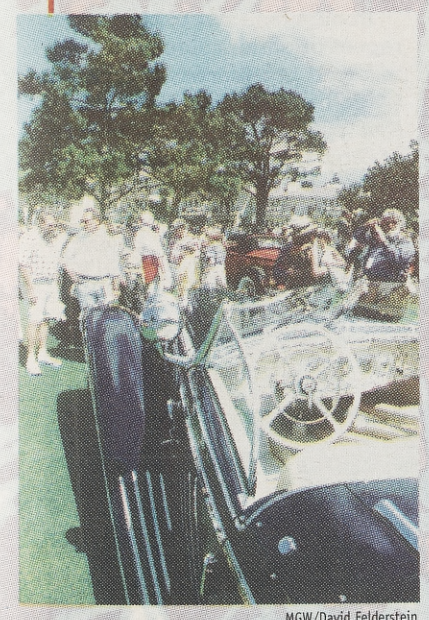
1998 brought the fantastic Gay Games in Amsterdam!

MGW/Jim Sechelski

On a less serious note, Gay/Lesbian car buffs enjoyed the Concours de Elegance at Pebble Beach. In the background, on the left, Dan Hoody and Tom Lease enjoy a Cobalt Blue Mercedes.



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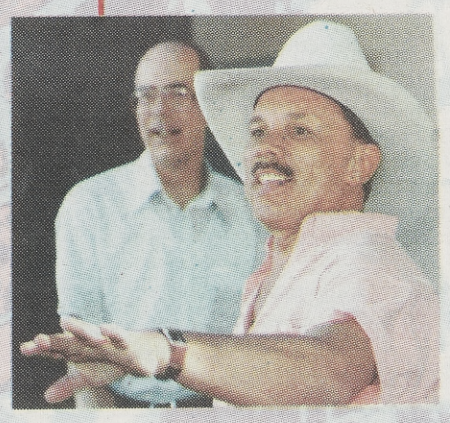
Boyce Hinman, Lambda letters, and Rainbow Festival Organizer Terry Sidie, owner of Faces.



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OUT ON FILM

What To See (Again) From 1998's Films

by Stefan Grünwedel
MGW/Staff

This past year's movie releases have shown an amazing degree of creativity, even if the end results weren't always so impressive.

As is often the case, many of the gems that did come to town (or close by in the Bay Area) somehow have failed to catch our attention when they were here – or make a dent in our busy schedules. Luckily, some of them may still be playing at area theaters (such as *There's Something About Mary*, which shows surprising longevity). Those that are not are most probably rentable.

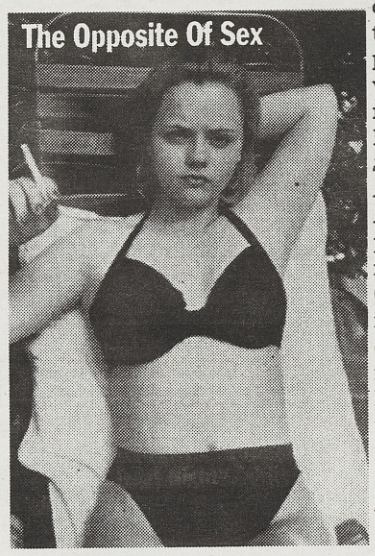
Here, then, is my humble assessment of the films of 1998. Not that I saw *all* of them, mind you. (I couldn't have a real day job if I did that!) But of the 45 or more that I did see, I can say that a fair number were quite good, while an equally fair number were quite bad. The rest naturally fall somewhere in the middle, where the reviews of others (friends, especially) may have to aid in your decision to see them on video (or DVD and its alternatives) or cable.

Let's start with a subject matter that's close to home. The amazing array of films shown at both Sacramento's and San Francisco's lesbian and gay film festivals proved once again that many of the most innovative – and downright odd – films shown anywhere at all are shown first at queer film festivals. Some, such as *High Art*, *Steam*, *The Delta*, and *Leather Jacket Love Story*, even found life on some big screens after the festivals officially closed.

Even so, mainstream releases didn't disappoint where gay sensibilities were concerned. *Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss* was a delightfully silly romp, as were *Love and Death on Long Island, Wilde, and Gods and Monsters*, albeit with more serious overtones. *Ma Vie En Rose* (*My Life in Pink*) stood out early on – already last January – and has proven itself the most artful of the bunch.

Perhaps cultural niche films are the wave of the future. *Smoke Signals* was many moviegoers' first positive, entertaining contact with non-stereotypical Native Americans.

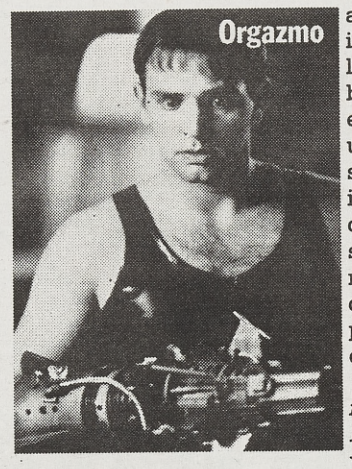
In a less happy and more stressful manner, *Beloved* was in many ways a new view of black slavery and freedom through the eyes of a single family. But interest in that (and Toni Morrison's storytelling gifts) did not make it any easier to watch.



Other "family films" showed how easily the familial unit can come apart – or stay together if people work to make it happen. *Slums of Beverly Hills* was a positive image (quite funny and quirky) of a family bonding through financial adversity; *Afterglow* was sadder, though more resonant, about couple's infidelities and a daughter running away. *Celebration* revealed that all families have their darkest secrets, which can come out at the most inappropriate moments. *Butcher Boy* was quite a disturbing film about a boy run amok, while *A Soldier's Daughter Never Cries* concerned a daughter struggling for self-determination and a family struggling to stay together despite the father's death.

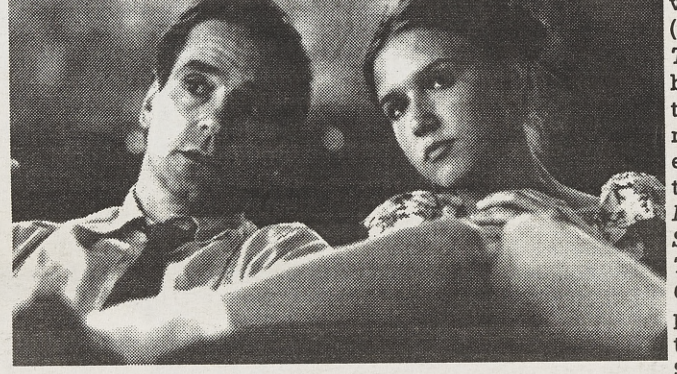
Sassy comedies took many forms this year. *Antz* and *A Bug's Life* were likable comedies that shared similarities, though adults probably preferred the former. (Woody Allen definitely makes a good ant!) *Celebrity* was an amusing, though not terribly original, offering from Mr. Allen. *There's Something About Mary*, *Pecker*, *The Opposite of Sex*, and *Orgazmo* all showed that being irreverent and un-PC are almost a surefire way to chuckle audiences nowadays.

As before, indy films made their impact on the Hollywood establishment. *Buffalo '66* and *Pi* were both high on style but also delivered a sizable punch. Henry Fool tried to be high-minded and intellectual but ended up spouting only so much cesspool drivel.



Sliding Doors was probably voted the worst blind date movie of 1998, because that's what it was about. Other than that, it was enjoyable, funny, and not too taxing. Same with *Clockwatchers*, which really resonated if you had temp experience.

The sci-fi action/adventure movie was an active genre this year. From *Sphere* earlier this year to the current *Star Trek: Insurrection*, good scripts carried any far-fetched situation along for two hours. When it contained only special effects, however – as with *Deep Impact, Armageddon*, and Firestorm – the results were decidedly mixed.



More successful were the films that created whole worlds unto themselves, usually at the unwitting insistence of television audiences. *Pleasantville* and *Truman* were oddly upbeat films about people happily trapped in a predictable, artificial environment until the day they realized that living the truth meant having to face some difficult, unsettling choices with unpredictable outcomes.

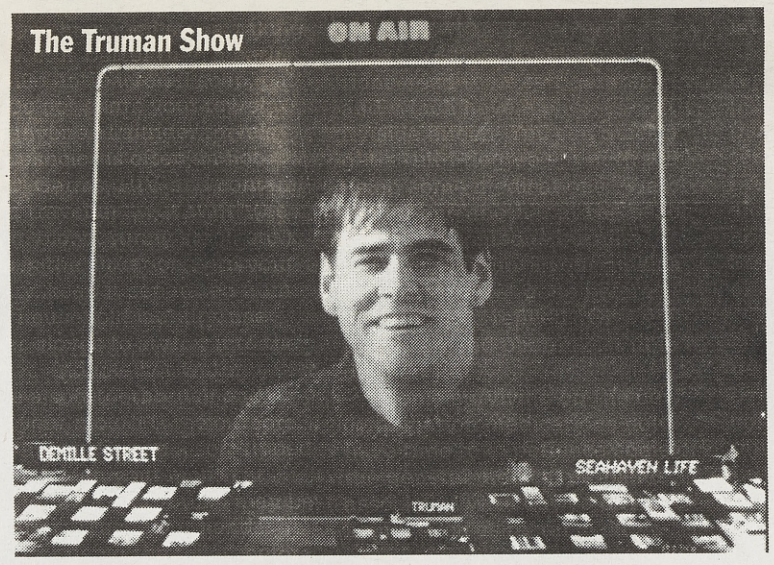
Snake Eyes, Deceiver, and *The Spanish Prisoner* addressed notions of deception and trickery. Unfortunately *Snake Eyes* can be forgotten, despite Nicholas Cage's presence. The other two make great home viewing, however.

So, too, does The *Avenger's* , which bombed at the box office but remains quite stylish and silly. Perhaps bad banter works less well on the big screen than it does on TV.

The remakes, re-releases, and sequels wee back in full swing this year. Unfortunately for the copycats, their work only showed how inferior the new versions were compared to the originals. *Psycho* and *Lolita*, both overshadowed by controversy, were embarrassing examples of this. *Lost in Space* and *The Avengers* showed that most TV series make better viewing than their movie versions (*Star Trek* being the notable exception). *Neil Simon's The Odd Couple II* proved that Neil Simon, Walter Mathau, and Jack Lemmon should never team up again.

In high contrast to those repeat offenders, Orson Welles received postmortem praise when his re-edited *Touch of Evil* (paired with the re-release of *Citizen Kane*) further embellished his reputation as one of cinema's greatest directors.

The Oscar shoo-in? *Saving Private Ryan*, undoubtedly!▼



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A Year Of Entertainment... A Look Back At '98

by Gerald Semas
MGW/Staff

In Film...

A year is gone and a new one has started. Yet before we focus ahead, let's review what made 1998 special to our community in the world of entertainment. A number of esteemed Gay British actors played Gay character's on the big screen. **Sir Ian McKellan** became Gay director **James Whale** in Gods and Monsters for Executive Producer **Clive Barker**. **John Hurt** played a widowed writer obsessed with a teen idol played by **Jason Priestly** (Beverly Hills) in Love and Death On Long Island. **Derek Jacobi** played Gay artist Francis Bacon in Love Is The Devil and **Stephen Fry** played Oscar Wilde in the film Wilde. Fry also made headlines as the author of a play for **Prince William** and **Prince Harry** which they performed with actress **Emma Thompson** for Prince Charles' 50th birthday.

Gay stereotypes were kept alive in a couple of projects. The box office dud BASEketball featured a team called the San Francisco Ferries whose male, and well endowed cheerleaders wore skimpy uniforms. There's Something About Mary showed **Ben Stiller** relieving himself at a rest area only to get caught up in a police raid of men having sex in the shrubbery. ▼▼▼ Among foreign films that reached our shores was East Palace, West Palace, the first movie on Gay love from mainland China. Japanese filmmaker Takashi Ishi's crime thriller Gonin featured a handsome cross-dressing male prostitute and two gay hit men.

Jennifer Aniston had the hots for Gay roommate **Paul Rudd** (Clueless) in The Object of My Affection from Gay director **Nicholas Hytner**. **Christina Ricci** was a teenage runaway who seduced the boyfriend of her Gay brother, **Martin Donovan** (Hollow Reed) in The Opposite of Sex. Director **Tommy Haver's** film Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss, starring **Sean Hayes** (Will & Grace) was a hit a film festivals around the country. ▼▼▼ Gay producer **Scott Rudin** (In & Out) was one of the forces that brought The Truman Show and A Simple Plan to the screen. ▼▼▼ **Ally Sheedy** played a lesbian junkie in High Art. **Mitchell Anderson** (Party of Five) teamed with **Jennifer Tilly** (Bound) in Relax... It's Just Sex. And ▼▼▼ Lesbian comic **Marga Gomez** played Edmunds in the sci-fi film Sphere. ▼▼▼

Theater...

Former Who's The Boss star and out Gay actor **Danny Pintauro** directed Samuel Park's Shakespeare Sonnets at Stanford University. ▼▼▼ **Alec Mapa** (M. Butterfyl), brought his one-man show I Remember Mapa about growing up as a Gay Filipino to S.F.'s Magic Theatre. ▼▼▼ S.F.'s American Conservatory Theater established it's first Gay and Lesbian acting class, thanks to the talents of actor/teacher **Brent St. Clair**. In November, the company staged **Jonathan Harvey's** Beautiful Thing. ▼▼▼

Among the Big Apple news, the Manhattan Theatre Club opened **Terrence McNally's** Corpus Christi after months of controversy over the the play's depiction of a Gay Christ-like character. Despite MTC's difficulties, the N.Y. Theatre Workshop staged **Paul Rudnick's** The Most Fabulous Story Every Told which took a humorous look at issues like Adam and Steve in the garden of Eden. ▼▼▼ **Cameron Mackintosh** produced the $2.5 million Broadway arrival of **Matthew Bourne's** all-male Swan Lake. Gay composer **Stephen Flaherty** (Anastasia) was one of the talents behind the music of the new Broadway hit Ragtime. ▼▼▼ **Lea DeLaria** stepped into the role of Mama Morton for the touring company of Chicago and moved on to the Broadway revival of On The Town. ▼▼▼

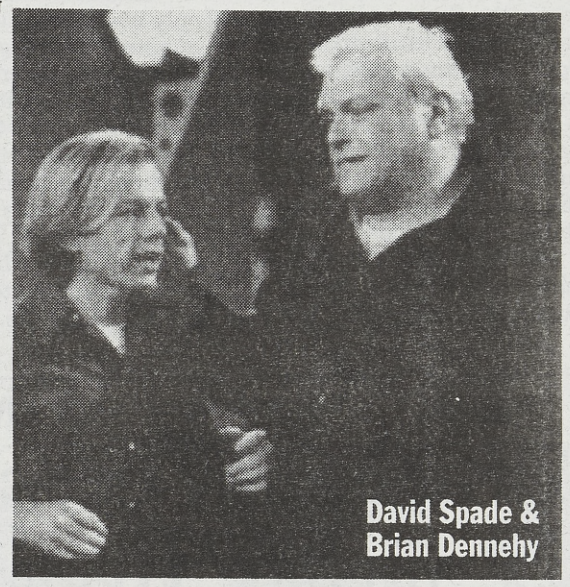
Kids in the Hall alumnus **Scott Thompson** as his Gay character Buddy Cole in a new one-man show and saw the release of his book Buddy Babylon: The Autobiography of Buddy Cole. **Romanovsky** and **Phillips** provided songs for a new musical based on the gay comic strip Jayson which debuted at NY's 45th Street Theatre. ▼▼▼ The critically acclaimed play by **Moises Kaufman** Gross Indecencies: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde came to L.A.'s Mark Taper Forum. ▼▼▼

On Television...

PLAYING GAY - ▼▼▼ Veronica's Closet featured drag diva **Karen Dior** impersonating **Kirstie Alley's** character durring a fashion show. In a Fall episode, assistant Josh tried to get his friend **Scott Thompson** to come out while the friend tried to get Josh to come out. **Kyle Secor's** character on Homicide: Life on the Streets, announced he was bisexual and went out on a date with a restaureur played by **Peter Gallagher**. ▼▼▼ In Party of Five, Sarah's boyfriend Elliot came out to her after some confusion in which he thought Bailey was also Gay. ▼▼▼ ABC's Spin City had Mike's co-worker's dreaming about being married to him, including the Gay character **Michael Boatman** who later got a love interest in the form of **Lou Diamond Phillips**. ▼▼▼ Drew's cross-dressing brother showed up on The Drew Carey Show popping out of the cake at Drew's bachelor party. ▼▼▼ The Practice brought back **John Larroquette** in a chilling portrayl of a gay man who killed his lover. ▼▼▼ The short lived FOX series Significant Others had nothing to do with **Armistead Maupin's** book of the same name but offered the season's 2nd Gay character named Josh in the form of a Gay neighbor. ▼▼▼ On Suddenly Susan Pete and Hank got engaged and married. A Gay man warned the police that his boyfriend was about to go on a shooting spree on Brooklyn South. Ross's fiance developed a friendship with the Lesbian for whom his ex-wife left him on Friends. And on Caroline in the City, Del and roller-skating Charlie pretended to be gay to get cheap insurance. ▼▼▼

David Marshall Grant (And The Band Played On) reunited with his Angels In America co-star **Marcia Gay Harden** for the Lifetime original movie Labors of Love. The story explored the desire of a straight woman and Gay man to have a child, the old fashioned way. ▼▼▼ The **Sarah Jessica Parker** series Sex and the City featured Stanford Black a Gay talent agent. The creators of Comedy Central's hit series South Park received Emmy nominations for the show's episode 'Big Gay Al's Big Gay Boat Ride.' NBC's found a hit with the new series Will & Grace, featuring **Eric McCormack** as Gay lawyer Will and **Debra Messing** as his best friend Grace. ▼▼▼

The summer series Maximum Bob featured a pair of male convict lovers, the youngest who was sent back to the pen for drinking a beer and later escaped prison in order to adopt a child. On the Showtime series Linc, the title character's daughter is a lesbian. On the series Rude Awakening starring Sherilyn Fenn (Twin Peaks), **Rain Pryor** played a kooky African American Lesbian. ▼▼▼ On HBO's OZ, the character of Tobias fell in love with his hunky cellmate played by **Christopher Meloni**. ▼▼▼ **Bebe Neuwirth**, as Lilith, returned for an appearance on Fraser, because her husband left her for another man. ▼▼▼ **David Spade's** father, played by **Brian Dennehy** tried to support what he thought was his Gay son, Spade, only to learn his hunky fireman son was the real poofter. ▼▼▼ Showtime had the vision and courage to do Armistead Maupin's More Tales of the City. The cable miniseries brought back **Thomas Gibson** (Dharma & Greg), **Laura Linney**, **Bill Campbell** and **Olympia Dukakis** as Mrs. Madrigal. ▼▼▼ *REAL GAYS* - **Ellen Degeneres'** real life lover **Anne Heche** played the ex-lover of Ellen character's lover on the ABC series Ellen. In addition to cancelling Ellen's show, ABC chose not to air an episode of their series Nothing Sacred which featured a story about a Gay priest with AIDS. ▼▼▼ **RuPaul** played the director of a transgender beauty pageant on CBS' Nash Bridges. ▼▼▼ Former Funny Gay Males member **Jason Stuart** played a talent agent in the HBO film Gia about the late fashion model.



▼▼▼ On Fame L.A., playwright/actor **Harvey Fierstein** also played an agent who did a duet with **Shawn Colvin**. ▼▼▼ Gay comic **Ant** appeared on the WB's Unhappily Ever After and UPN's quickly canceled The secret Diary of Desmond Pfeiffer. ▼▼▼

Misc...

Former lead singer for the heavy metal rock group 'Judas Priest', **Rob Halford** came out of the closet. ▼▼▼ Time magazine published a 75th anniversary edition and left out all references to the Gay rights movement and the impact of AIDS on the Gay community. ▼▼▼ **George Michael** was busted for allegedly performing a lewd act in a public restroom and came out in his responding statement. ▼▼▼ The coming out episode of Ellen won a Peabody award. ▼▼▼ The GLAAD Media Awards were presented to NYPD Blue as best dramatic series and In and Out for outstanding film while **Cher** received the Vanguard Award for her dedication and support of the Gay community. ▼▼▼

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1998 Restaurant Review

by Randy Hartley
MGW/Staff

1998 was a great year for new restaurants opening and established ones to be discovered and re-discovered.

Over the past ten to twelve years, the Sacramento area has changed its dining choices from mundane to extraordinary! The restaurant business is generally very good, especially in the midtown district, and it seems that we are always anxious to try new dining experiences.

San Francisco is known as a fine dining city and has many excellent restaurants. Sacramento may not have the number of establishments but we can definitely say we have the quality of eating-places to equal the great city by the bay.

I can remember when I only had a few places to refer guests at Hartley House. Paragary's, Americo's (now The Waterboy), Pavas (closed), Capitol Grill (now Restaurant 28) Maces and the Firehouse to name a few. My guests now have a hard time making a choice, as there are so many fine eating establishments available to choose from. The guests, as we should be, are truly impressed with the selection Sacramento has to offer.

Good restaurants opening were bound to happen sooner or later because of the growing economy, good business climate, great livability and affordable housing of our region. We too, have become far more sophisticated in our appreciation of food. Thus, a restaurant has to be above average to meet our palate.

Our grocery stores have also added many gourmet items that only Corti Brothers may have stocked in the past. We have David Berkeley's, public markets and specialty wine shops to choose from. Safeway carries most of the fresh items we need for a gourmet meal.

Although some of us prefer to cook for friends at home, it is nice to know that our community has an excellent selection of places to dine.

From a diner to an elegant restaurant, Sacramento continues to come into its own with outstanding restaurants! I can't wait to see what 1999 brings us!▼

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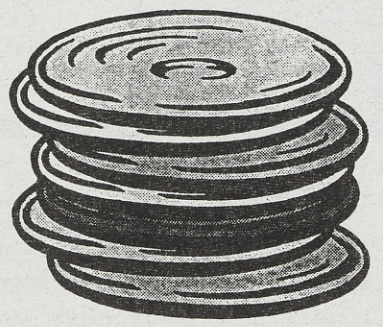

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Don't Exclude Gays and Lesbians

Rabbi Alexander
MGW/Guest Writer

The religious leaders of the Reform Jewish commu nity have offered a full welcome to gay and lesbian Jews, setting no limits on their spiritual aspirations. This policy has been decried by some sincere Reform individuals, as well as by many in the Conservative and Orthodox movements. It is worthwhile reminding ourselves that Hitler targeted not only Jews but also homosexuals for extermination. Jews were made to wear yellow six-pointed stars; homosexuals were forced to wear pink triangles to shame them and earmark them for death. The Star of David is composed of two superimposed triangles. Is it a metaphor for the fact that many Jews are gay or lesbian and should not be read out of the fold?

The subject of homosexuality makes many people uncomfortable. This discomfort is a measure of our continuing prejudice. Anti-gay bigotry remains a fact of American life. Even enlightened Americans opposed to racial and religious intolerance have not bested the demons of homophobia in their souls. Majorities insist that homosexual life is immoral, shameful, perverted and, of course, wrong. Homophobia, it seems, is the only prejudice that remains respectable; it is the last frontier of inveterate and unthinking hatred. And Jews are not inoculated against this disease.

Our American Jewish community prides itself on its enlightened concept of human rights. But there have been few genuine initiatives from our Jewish defense agencies against gay- and lesbian- bashing and hate crimes against homosexuals. Support for laws protecting the rights of gays has been virtually non-existent. Communal organizations are not immune from prejudice against homosexuals when making hiring decisions. Discussions of sexual orientation in Jewish life still founder on the hard rock of *halachic* prohibition – although *halacha* is reinterpreted, minimized or ignored in other aspects of life by most American Jews.

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Even in the Reform Jewish community, one finds more lip service than action in combating the blight of homophobia. Reform organizations have passed resolutions that are infinitely more forthright than our behavior as individuals in this matter. Yet some leaders of Jewish organizations that have enacted enlightened resolutions regarding gays and lesbians often secretly – or even openly – judge them to be promiscuous. They find it hard to overcome their aversion to same-sex unions and to sanction rabbinic officiation at commitment ceremonies when homosexual couples pledge their lives to one another and vow to establish a loving Jewish home.

Despite much liberal talk many still single out homosexuality from the complex of other human rights issues as a loathsome affliction. Most mainstream congregations have not extended a welcoming hand to gays and lesbians and have refused to acknowledge their presence in the synagogue. Gay and lesbian parents are not considered legitimate members of the Jewish family circle.

Moreover, the myth of the "corrupting" homosexual – whether rabbi teacher or youth leader – persists, perpetuating the fear that the goal of such individuals is to fashion children in his or her sexual image. Many of us, in fact, do feel pity for gays and lesbians. Intellectually, we may agree that it is a grievous wrong to stigmatize them, to ostracize them and hold them in moral disdain. But something more than a grasp of the mind is needed – a grasp of the heart. As a community, we must cross the boundary of "otherness" and arrive at the point where compassion gives to way to a sense of identity with them as fellow human beings. It is estimated that roughly one half million of our fellow – Jews are gay. We must not forget that some of them are our brothers and sisters, our co-workers and fellow-congregants.

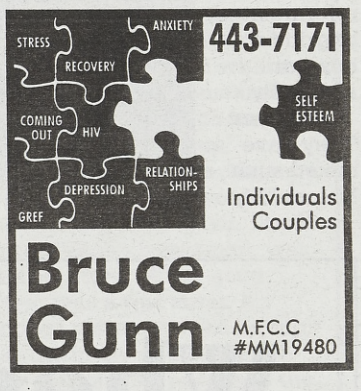
It must be conceded that homosexuality clearly flies in the face of Judaism's literal tradition. The Torah, rabbinic literature and contemporary Orthodox responsa unquestionably consider homosexuality a grievous sin. But built within that literal tradition is the possibility of change, as our knowledge of human nature in enlarged. There was a time when deaf-mutes were considered mentally incompetent and denied the right to participate in religious life. But no less an authority than the great Maimonides was prepared to lift this restriction after he visited a school for deaf-mutes. The Bible also enjoins us to exclude lepers from human contact and shun them. Today, we know better. We understand that leprosy is not the outer sign of an inner moral decay but rather a physical malady caused by bacteria indigenous to sub-tropical regions. Should we still pelt lepers with stones as one Talmudic commentator told us to do?

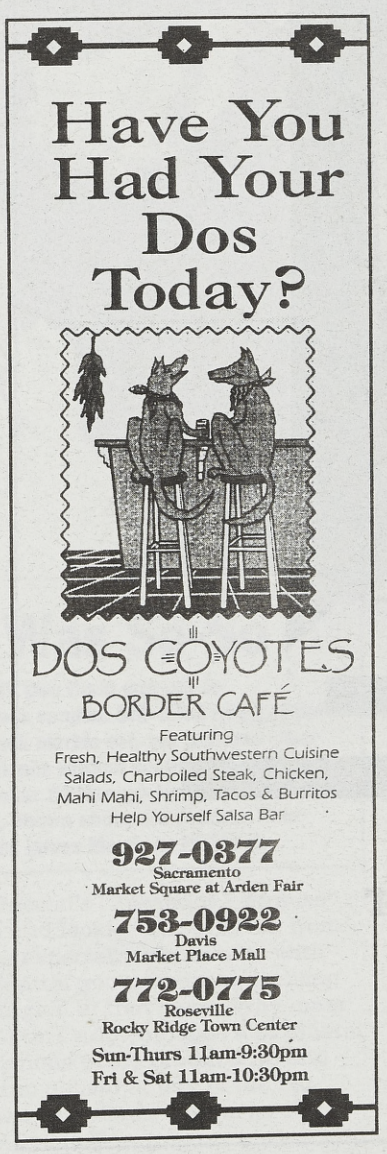
The newer knowledge of homosexuality clearly points to the inborn character of some, if not all, sexual orientation. The failure of therapy to change homosexual disposition and the high suicide rate among gays validate the scientific consensus that sexual orientation is not a matter of choice but a state of being. In this realm, too, we must allow our advancing knowledge to instruct us and to redirect our conduct. Let us remember, most of all, that God's image is reflected in each and every face on earth, and the greater sin is to suffer the sequestration of even a single soul from our communities and people.▼

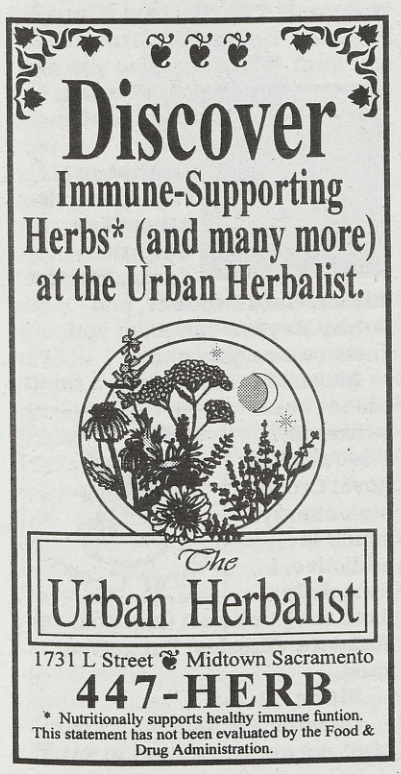
Taking a Hard Look at Gay Adoption

Throughout the past year, the newsmagazine Hard Copy has aired a number of stories about homophobia, anti-gay violence and, most recently an extensive story on same-sex couples adopting children. On December 3, Hard Copy spotlighted Michael and Jon Galluccio, a New Jersey couple of 16 years who recently won their battle to adopt their foster child, Adam, who they had seen through drug-withdrawal and illness. The story described gay couples raising children as "part of the American patch work," and interviewed two teenagers whose parents are gay. The segment focused on the daily lives of parents line Michael and Jon, who share a common bond with many other parents—the love for their children. Michael said, "God doesn't give you anything you can't handle."

Only fourteen months ago, GLAAD met with Hard Copy to discuss the show's problematic portrayal of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community. Please thank Hard Copy for highlighting the Galluccios and for exploring acontroversial issue without re-hashing hateful rhetoric and dangerous mythology. Info: comments@hardcopytv.com▼



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Men On Music

Various Artists, Various Titles, Various Labels

by Charles Turner
MGW/Staff

I would like to thank Public Access Television for letting us borrow the services of the best critics I have had the pleasure to work with. So without any further a-do, I turn the controls over to the industry's most cutting edge team; **Blain Edmunds** and **Antwan Fairyweather;** the infamous men on music.

Charles: Okay **Blain**, you start with the Interhit Records/ Priority Records review.

Blain: Thank you **Charles**, here we have Mega Hits Dance Party Vol. 2. We have 12 hot tracks reformulated to grind the box until sparks fly.

Antwan: They have mixed such hits as "*My Heart Will Go On (theme from Titanic)*", "*Torn*", "*Together Again*", "*Truly Madly Deeply*", and .....

Blain: Ooh, **Twan** don't forget "*Show Me Your Stuff*"....

Antwan: Hold it **Blain**, you mean "*Show Me Love*"!

Blain: I like mine better!!!

Antwan: Yeah, me too.

Charles: Lets do **Bop Boys** next guys.

Blain: Next, **Antwan's** and my favorite title of the evening Bop Boys! It's the first compilation focusing on boy bands, yum.

Antwan: We have U.S. and International superstars singing and sweating to their hits. The BackStreet Boys "*Quit Playing Games (with my heart)*" has me swooning.

Blain: They could find me on any back street any time honey.

Antwan: Stop (jokingly)

Blain: Ooh **Twan**, 98° melts my chocolate with their hit "*Invisible Man*", but unfortunately they are followed by several songs that had no penetrating value.

Antwan: I think your being a little harsh **Blain**, (poutingly) I liked some of those songs.

Blain: And I think those tight pants you're wearing have cut off the circulation to your head.

Antwan: Oh no you didn't go there ashy ankles.

Blain: Ooh! (Pouting)

Antwan: I'm sorry **Blain**, would you like some baby oil?

Blain: Yes....I'm sorry too **Twan**, let's continue.

Charles: Let's go to tinsel town.

Blain: Burn Hollywood Burn, the soundtrack. I guess it's okay. There was nothing on it that really moved me. What did you think **Twan**?

Antwan: Well, I thought why read the book when you can see the movie.

Charles: **Linda Imperial**, Where The Boys Are is next on our list.

Antwan: This is a song of hopes and dreams.

Blain: I couldn't agree more **Twan**, it's all I think about.

Charles: Are you ready for the horn? Rhino Records is next.

Blain: Next we have Runway Hits, Music From the Catwalk. A magical mix of dance hits, from that sexy **Robert** "*Simply Irresistible*" **Palmer** to that hairy **Maxi** "*That Girl*" **Priest**.

Antwan: Oh **Blain**, don't forget our **Queen Ru Paul** performing her hit "*Super Model(you better work)*". She's my "*Obsession*".

Blain: What does she have that I don't?

Antwan: Besides beauty and talent....I mean yours is on the inside **Blain** (letting the cat out of the bag).

Blain: Your beauty is on the inside too **Twan**, so let's turn your ugly ass inside out.

Antwan: Don't hate me because I'm beautiful! (As he fans himself with an attitude)

Blain: I'm sorry **Twan**, sometimes I get so jealous. (Rubbing **Antwan's** hand to comfort him) Do you forgive me?

Antwan: Yes. Let's move on to Why Do Fools Fall in Love.

Blain: Original versions of music recorded from days gone by.

Antwan: My favorite is "*Tutti Frutti*", that **Little Richard** is really talented.

Blain: And is such a snappy dresser.

Antwan: I like the work of **Otis Redding, Bobby Womack, The Platters, The Shirelles**, and that and **Frankie Lyman's** yummy "*Goody Goody*"

Charles: Hey guys we need to start wrapping this up.

Blain: Okay, next we have **Lesbian American Composers** from CRI.

Blain/ Antwan: Hated it.

Antwan:

And Trouble Came: Musical responses to AIDS.

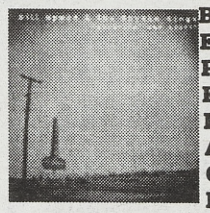
Blain: A musical tapestry full of sadness and sorrow told through narration and music.

Antwan: **Totally Fabu** by Marina on MRK Records is hot, but she's always hot.

Charles: Lets do Velvel Records.

Blain: What did you think about the big burly sound of **Bill Wyman & The Rhythm Kings**?

Antwan: You mean "*Struttin' Our Stuff* ", well anytime you get



Bill Wyman, Eric Clapton, Peter Frampton, Paul Carrack, Albert Lee, Georgie Fame, Martin Taylor, Gary Brooker, and **Bobby Keys** in one room you know you've got trouble.

Blain: My turn, next is a thing called punkabilly. The Amazing Royal Crowns high energy sound is addictive, I especially liked the punk part (impish grin).

Antwan: **Charles**, I'm getting tired.

Blain: Me too.

Charles: OK, lets hit it again after we get something to eat.▼

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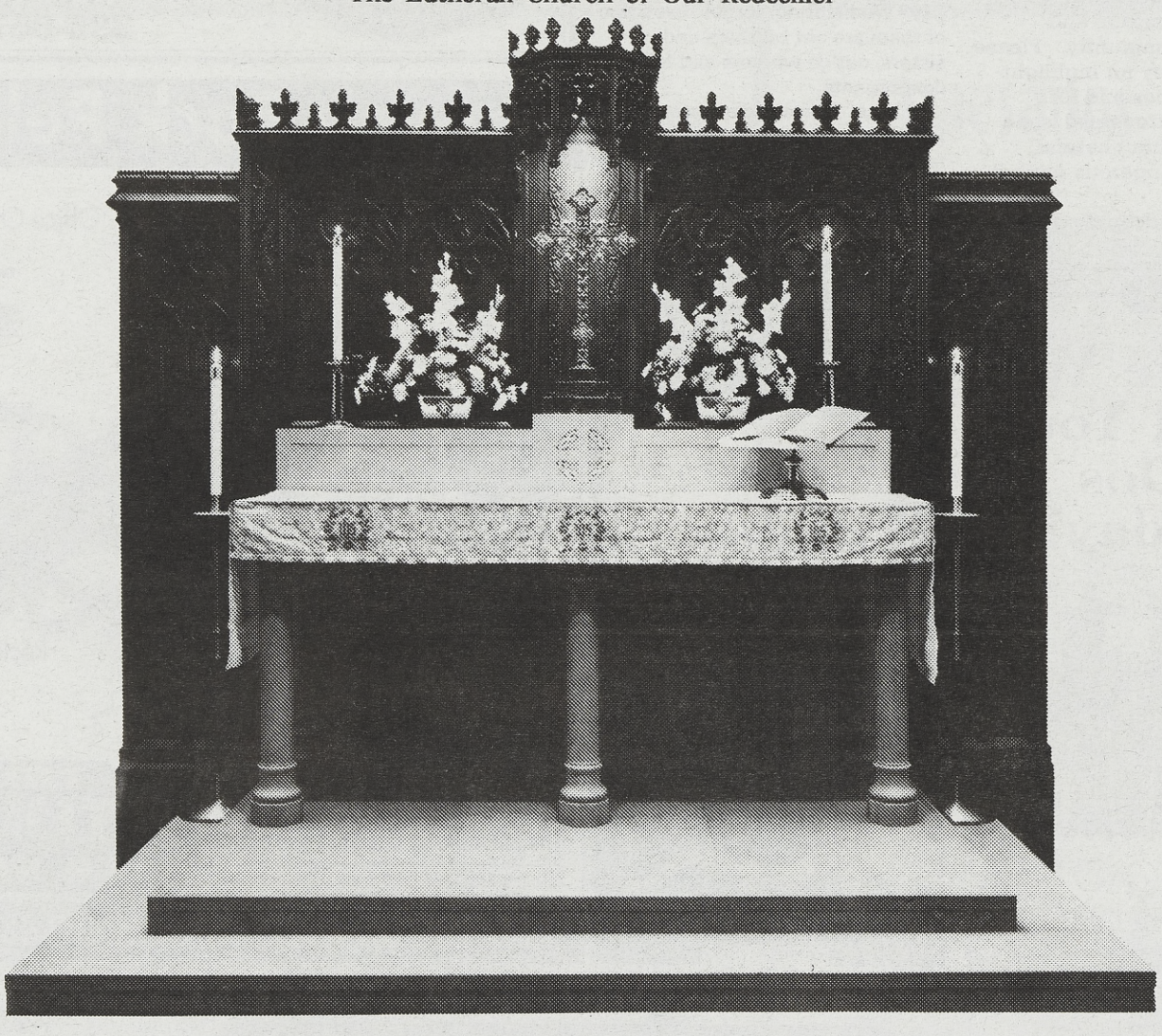

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Opera In 1998: Year In Review

by Wayne Anderson
MGW/Staff

This past year saw two important events on the local opera scene: the first Wagner by the Sacramento Opera and the appointment of a new Artistic Director. "The Flying Dutchman" drew a large satisfied audience. While no one's ideal production of this difficult work, it was nevertheless creditable and did show that the company is maturing artistically and is capable of doing justice to complex operas. Timm Rolek (watch for an in-depth interview in January) brings extensive conducting experience and great optimism to his new role (as of Sept. 29th) of Artistic Director, replacing Marianne Oaks. This could be the start of a bright new era for the company.

MGW/Larry Merkle

Arabella Suffered

San Francisco Opera's 1998 season included Strauss' Arabella, from September 12 to October 4th at the War Memorial Opera House. This Opera suffered from poor to mediocre singing. The present Arabella, Janice Watson had a lackluster showing and although she was pretty, she was not interesting. Donald McIntyre was amusing as Arabella's gambling addicted father.

The opera scene by the Bay was frequently undermined by poor casting, but there were some bright spots. Of greatest interest was the world premiere of Andre Previn's first opera "A Streetcar Named Desire." Based on the famous Tennessee Williams play, the work drew journalists from around the world, most of them cautiously optimistic. While the reviews were decidedly mixed, the audience seemed pleased. Ruth Ann Swensen brought her unique liquid vocal gold to Massenet's "Manon," and a riveting production of Britten's "Peter Grimes" showed that opera really can be theater. Puccini's "Turandot," Strauss' "Arabella," and Wagner's "Tristan und Isolde" all sufferred from poor to mediocre singing. This was especially maddening with "Tristan" when just this summer Seattle got to hear the thrilling sounds of Ben Heppner and Jane Eaglen in that piece. Why must SFO settle for third best? Verdi's "Don Carlo" brought a lackluster new production (replacing their previous goofy production) and vibrant voices that somehow failed to deliver at any of the big moments. Carol Vaness disappointed as Bellini's Norma as she tried (unsuccessfully) to out-Callas Callas.▼

MGW/ Larry Merkle

Don Carlo Was So-So

The new production of Verdi's Don Carlo was not an improvement over the previous version. SFO filled much of the stage with an impressive black marble set, but that and other details were lost on the audience without some explanation. The production played from October 24 through November 14 at the War Memorial Opera House. Shown above are soprano Nina Rautio as Elizabetta and bass James Morris as Phillip II.

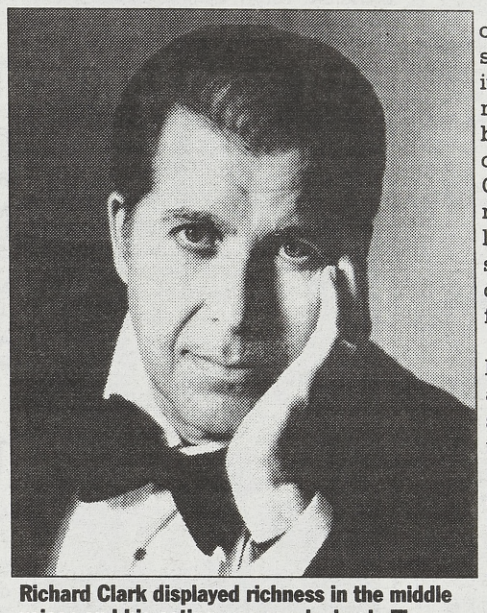
"Flying Dutchman" At Sacramento Opera

by Wayne Anderson
MGW/Staff

On January 2, 1843, in Dresden, the 29-year-old Richard Wagner conducted the premiere of "Der Fliegende Hollaender." With this work he began to evolve the style that we now think of as "Wagnerian," gradually eschewing set pieces like arias and duets (although he certainly has not yet abandoned these in the "Dutchman") in favor of a continuous web of music in which the voices and orchestra are of equal importance in developing the drama. He eventually called his works "music dramas" to distinguish them from traditional operas of the time which gave prime importance to the singers. Moreover the myth-like story of a man condemned to wander the world in search of redemption presaged his more mature works which were based largely on Germanic and Norse tales from northern Europe.

Wagner's operas have always been a test of the maturity of an opera company and its audience. Therefore it was encouraging to see this work finally see the stage after two previous postponements caused by financial problems. The handsome sets, borrowed from the New Orleans Opera, favored realism and drew bursts of applause from the audience. They and the costumes stressed the no-nonsense village life on the Norwegian coast. We actually got to see the Dutchman's mysterious ghost ship sail into dock, something denied us in last year's San Francisco production.

Casting Wagner's operas, a problem in his own day, remains a challenge. The title role, though nominally for a baritone, requires a weight in the lower part of the voice that we usually associated with basses, yet demands powerful top notes as well. His opening monologue, "Die Frist ist um" incorporates all these things, and also requires vocal acting to suggest the overwhelming weariness of the doomed wanderer. Richard J. Clark displayed richness in the middle voice, but he failed to open up on the final phrase "nimm mich auf" of the monologue. Elsewhere his rich voice was most effective when not pressed for volume or top notes.



Richard Clark displayed richness in the middle voices and his acting was convincing in The Flying Dutchman.

His acting was convincing enough but seemed to lack spontaneity, a problem afflicting most of the cast. Nevertheless he made a satisfying Dutchman and did bring pathos to the role.

Penelope Daner sang the mystical Senta, whose love eventually breaks the Dutchman's curse. She produced a very loud voice but had little control of it. Severe pitch problems began immediately, but she gained some control about midway through the famous ballad, in which Sentaforesees the Dutchman's salvation. But throughout the evening, her singing lacked color and nuance as she mostly just belted it out, and her voice never managed to blend well with that of the Dutchman. Overacting failed to make up for her vocal limitations. At times she seemed like a caricature of a silent film actress.

Kevin Maynor brought good acting and a strong, clear, somewhat reedy bass to Senta's mercenary father Daland. As Senta's would-be lover Erik, tenor Quade Winter sang with a secure but not-too-subtle sound. His excess weight gave him a bearish figure which, coupled with a huge tree limb he constantly toted about, made him look rather foolish. He was, however, quite convincing in the narration of his second act dream. The other tenor, Terrill Warren as the Steersman, was another story. While good acting was a real asset, his pinched voice, strained on top, was distinctly unpleasant. A very pleasant surprise was the Mary of Martha Jane Howe. In the few lines allotted to her, her rich mezzosoprano boomed out excitingly. If only she had more to sing. The chorus was very exciting in its important role. Matthias Kuntzsch conducted a tight performance with forward drive, yet was supportive of his singers. The orchestra played surprisingly well, considering the lack of a full-time symphony in this town.

The large audience seemed to enjoy the opera, apparently not put off by Wagner's reputation for heaviness. The next production will be Lehar's "The Merry Widow" in late February.▼

Les Ballets Trockadero De Monte Carlo to Combine Comedy and Ballet in Performances

Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo, the world's foremost all-male comic ballet company, will perform in Davis Thursday and Friday, January 21 & 22, 1999 at Main Theatre on the UC Davis campus. The performances, which begin at 8pm, are part of UC Davis Presents 1998-99 Season of Performing Arts. The original concept of Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo has not changed since its inception. This is a company of professional male dancers performing the full range of the ballet and modern dance repertoire, including classical and original works in faithful renditions of the manners and conceits of those dance styles. The comedy is achieved by incorporating –and exaggerating—the foibles, conventions and underlying incongruities of serious dance. The fact that men dance all the parts, from water sprites to romantic princesses to angst-ridden Victorian ladies enhances rather than mocks the spirit of the dance as an art form. The result is humor that amuses all segments of the audience, from dance novices to knowledgeable aficionados. Info: 530-752-1915▼

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JANUARY

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4 Monday

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MEN'S DISCUSSION SUPPORT GROUP, Lambda Center, 6pm, 920 20th St. #117, 442-0185

M.C.C. Christian Services, 7pm, Channel 17 or 73, 456-8600

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5 Tuesday

CAPITAL SQUARES – gay & lesbian square dancing at Jefferson Elementary School, 2001 Pebblewood Drive, 6:30-8:30, contact George 3929-8697, capcitysqs@aol.com

FARMERS MARKET-COUNTRY CLUB CENTRE, 8-11:30am, El Camino & Watt, in front of Office Depot

MACWORLD EXPO, Moscone Center, Info: 415-974-4000

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7 Thursday

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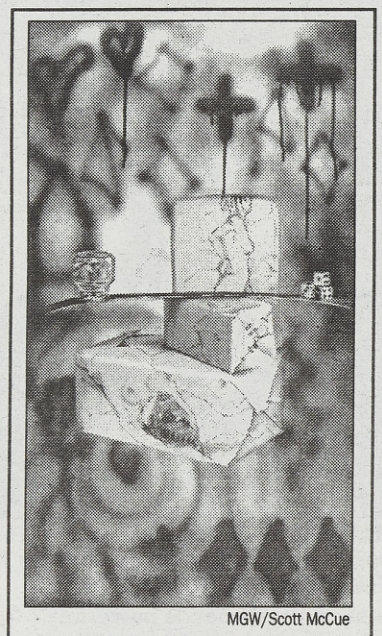

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Breast Meat

Gwen Manfrin's "Private Altars" paintings and pastels will be showing at The Michael Himovitz Gallery from January 6th through February 13, 1999.

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GAY YOUTH GROUP, 6:30pm, 1722 J St. @ Breaking Barriers, 442-0185

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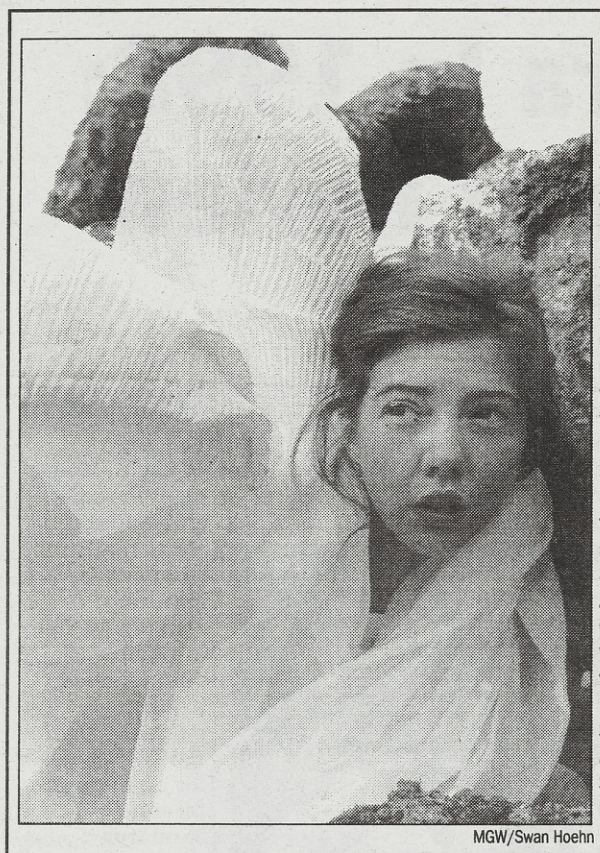

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Beyond The Proscenium

Angels in America, Part Two: Perestroika. Still Life Gallery will sponsor the Sunrise Teen Art Commission Gallery Show featuring the work of area high school students juried by a panel of their peers. This show opens with a reception January 16 at 6pm. The show will hang through February 12. Still Life's hours are M-S 11-6, Sun. 12-4. info: 446-6786.

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Wanted

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Greek Captain on Merchant Ships, 43 seeking: Men of 20-30y.o., masculine, well-built and ready to live the romance of their lives. Mutual visits to our countries is possible. Please write w/photo to: Costas Dimitriadis, Box 27085, GR-11702, Athens, GREECE 12/1

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Do you know any G/L masonry people, roofers, plumbers, electricians, carpet companies or painters? We want to keep the money in the community. MGW Referral Service. 441-6397 tfn

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Misc.

DARK ROOM CAMERA

Horizontal Halftone Camera. It is old (built by Clydesdale!), but works great!!! Comes with processor. Great for a graphic artist or school that offers printing classes. Free or a small donation would be nice. Call MGW, 441-6397.tfn

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Newspaper is looking for:

Publisher's Assistant

If you're still reading, you might be the wizard we need! You're a Mac/PC literate person who is multi-tasked oriented. Must have strong skills in: Customer Service, People Skills, Communication Skills,Administration 60 wpm typing ability, light Bookkeeping skills, Managerial Skills, Journalism Ability, etc, etc. If you can do this, WE WANT YOU! Full time work!

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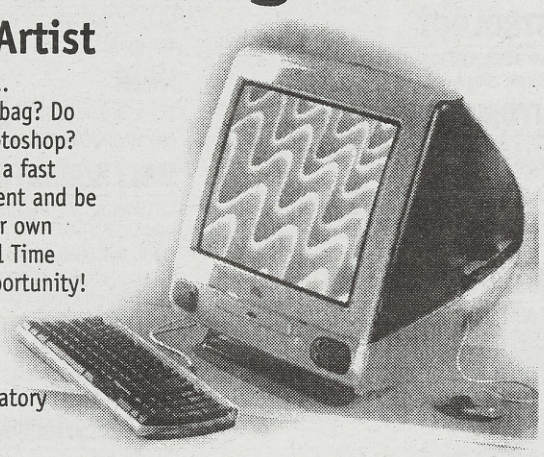

Salary: Compensatory with experience

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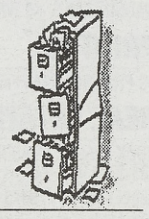
To sort out our files, organize MGW's 20 years of archives



Salary: Intern Credit

Sales Executive

If you have sales experience and would like to make good money, work in a team environment, are outgoing and like working with people, join the MGW team today!!! Work within your lifestyle.

Salary: Commission

Political Writers

Interview candidates, dive into political issues watching the state legislature and city hall.

Salary: Per Article

Book Reviewers

Must enjoy reading, and be able to express your views about the books you read. Good English skills necessary.

Salary: Free Books

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Calendar Editor

Edit and input calendar events and items. Applicants should be out and about and feel like they know what is going on around town.
Salary: Intern Credit

Dog/Cat/Pet Editor

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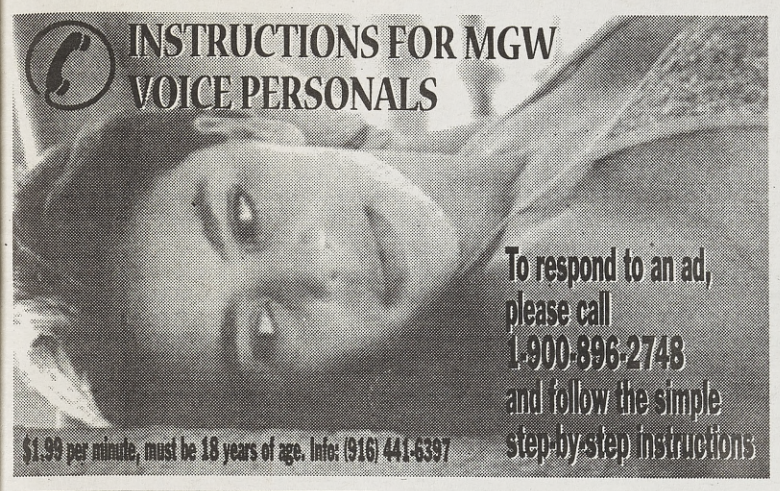
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MEN SEEKING MEN

ON THE DOWN-LOW
Discreet BM, 23, 5'9, masculine and very fun-loving, seeks open-minded W/HM, 18-32 only for a HOT, discreet, mutually satisfying relationship, show me the way! ✆2359

ROCKER SEEKS ROCKER
36y/o, GWM, 5'10, 140, blond & blue HIV+, adventurous and healthy...photography, electronics, concerts, NASCAR and cuddling are my interests. Looking for similar type of guy, LTR minded. ✆2356

DEAR GENTLEMAN
GWM, blonde hair, hazel-blue eyes, 5'2, 130lbs...looking for friends and long-term relationship from the age of 28-45 years old (single too)! ✆2329

NEW TO SAC-SINGLE MALE
If you are looking for someone who is cool, likes sports, being outside, lifting weights/working out and doing all the things men do, then leave me a message. ✆2350

CUBSTUD LOOKING FOR BEAR!
ISO other Cubs/Bears or Masculine men who are hairy, husky, and like the outdoors. Like to cuddle in the cave and roll around until you're HOT & SWEATY? Then I'm you're man – be genuine, sincere and lots of fun. ✆2353

DADDY WANTED!
If you are looking for a younger Spanish boy to take care of generously, then leave message for this 5'5, 150pound guy, who is smooth and hot with dark features and green eyes! ✆2348

NEEDING A MASSAGE!
Normal guy, X-pro jock in need of a massage – male or female, two hands or four, full body preferred. I have worked hard in my past and LOVE to relax! ✆2330

RECOVERING SPIRITUAL ELITIST
29 y/o Gay Italian male, tall dark and distinguished. Fun-loving, silly and serious, seeking young but mature guy 18-28 who can adore me as much as I adore him. Sense of humor & high level of integrity a must. Can you live up to this? ✆2357

NO MORE FLAKES ON THE WEB & PHONE-LINES!
Single 30 y/o in search of mature men who are secure with themselves and have a high sex drive all the same yet know what they want out of life...If you said yes to the preceding information, then I'll hope to hear from you! ✆2343

SLEEPLESS IN PAJAMAS
LTR with mature, young looking, energetic, GM, HIV- who enjoys quiet evenings at home, dining out, movies, plays and short trips around the area. N/S N/D Call-lets talk. ✆2358

HUSKY STUD WANTED - BEAR!
If you're a healthy, good-looking, independent, and sincere guy who is ready to settle down for a LTR get back to me for you won't be disappointed Stud! ✆2344

SEX BUDDY NEEDED
If you enjoy sweaty wrestling and hot sex get in touch w/Me. New to town and looking for other men to hang out with and watch football, etc. ✆2345

LOOKING FOR YOU!
Single, masculine, gay, Hispanic, 45 yrs, 5'8", 170lbs, can be a top or bottom seeks 30-50 yrs, Watt/Fair Oaks, no overweights, race open, possible relationship, your place! ✆2347

SEEKING LATIN MEN
GBM, 19, seeks GLM, 25-35 for shows, music, games, good times. I like movies, dinner, call me. ✆2295

ROMANTIC INTERLUDES
Are you a: GBM or GLM, masculine, 18-2yo, mentally stable, good personality, non-materialistic? I am: GWM, 22yo, blonde/hazel, 130lbs, cute. I like movies, dinner, reading, cuddling, candles, wine & more. I am looking for someone who is mature and likes more than just one date. ✆2294

LESBIANS SEEKING LESBIANS

NEW FRIEND OR RELATIONSHIP
Looking to meet new friends and possible relationship. I enjoy the outdoors, friends, boating, water skiing, fishing, bird-watching, wildlife photography, and romantic dinners. It is important to me that you be able to participate financially, emotionally, and have a sense of humor. I am also looking for a financially responsible roommate in Clearlake area. ✆2355

FISHING & BOATING?
Fun loving, professional, woman, who loves the outdoors and fishing, seeks compatible 50ish woman to share life and experiences at her lovely Clear Lake view home. ✆2354

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But into you most of all! Can you get into me? Your are instinctively action-oriented and aggressive. I adore you but I think you're funny. I'm holding the key to you very close. Can you retrieve it? ✆2351

KUNG FU FEMME
Seeks butch action figure for love, laughter, adventure, and general thrill seeking. Must be strong willed and assertive by nature. Sharp wits, a sense of humor and some psychic ability helpful. Bonus points if you're a sucker for beauty and vulnerability! ✆2352

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2-Professional WOMEN are ISO a couple(s)to hang out with, travel, visit, and party with in spare time. New to Sac area (from Colorado & Texas) and would appreciate replies from wholesome well-rounded individuals who luv to laugh and have fun! ✆2349

BUTCH SEEKS FEMME
Strong, Romantic GWF seeking: Honest, Real, Romantic, No Ex's, No Drugs GWF. ✆2299

JUST FRIENDS

GUESS WHAT?
Today I came out of the closet, unfortunately the feedback wasn't positive. Looking for other Bi-males and females for friendship and support...who knows? Maybe it will lead into more! Looking for friends 18-26. ✆2364

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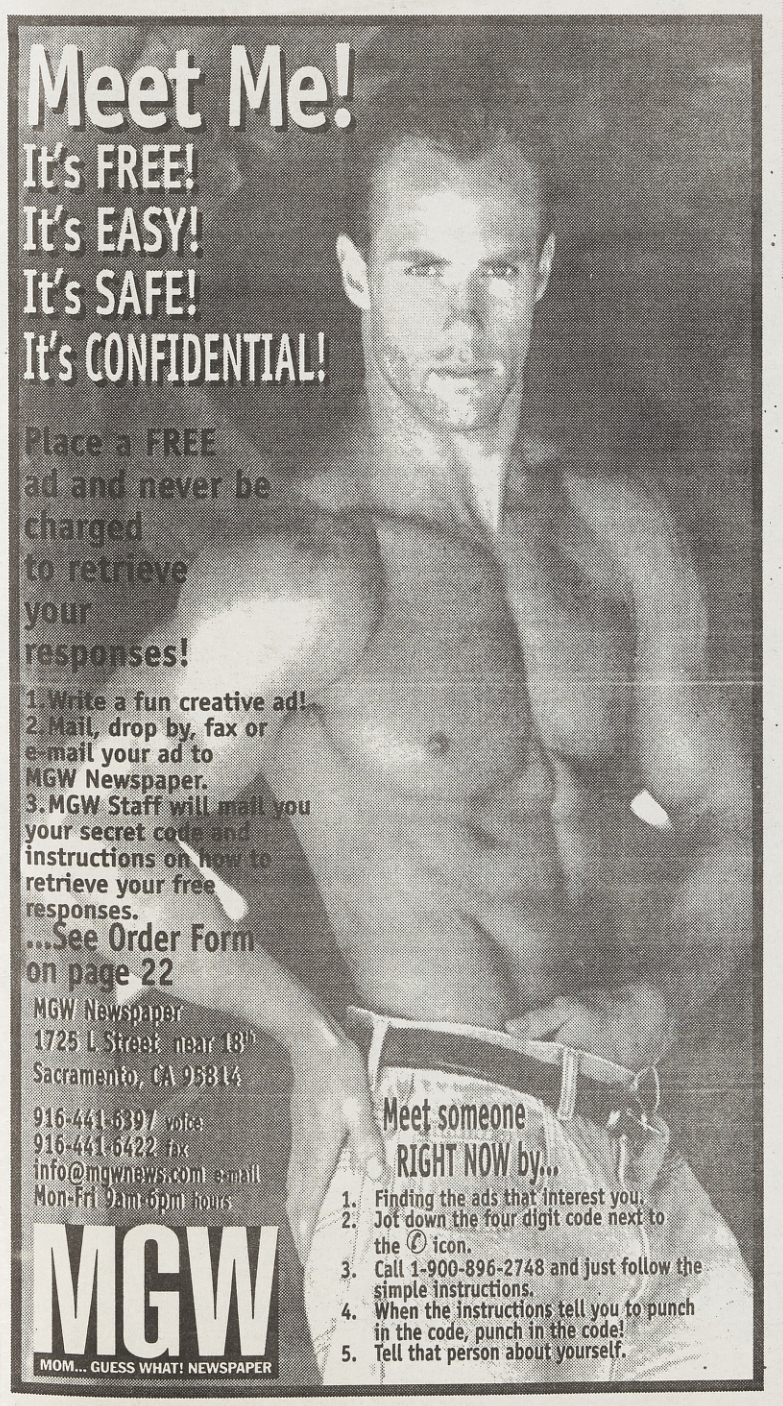
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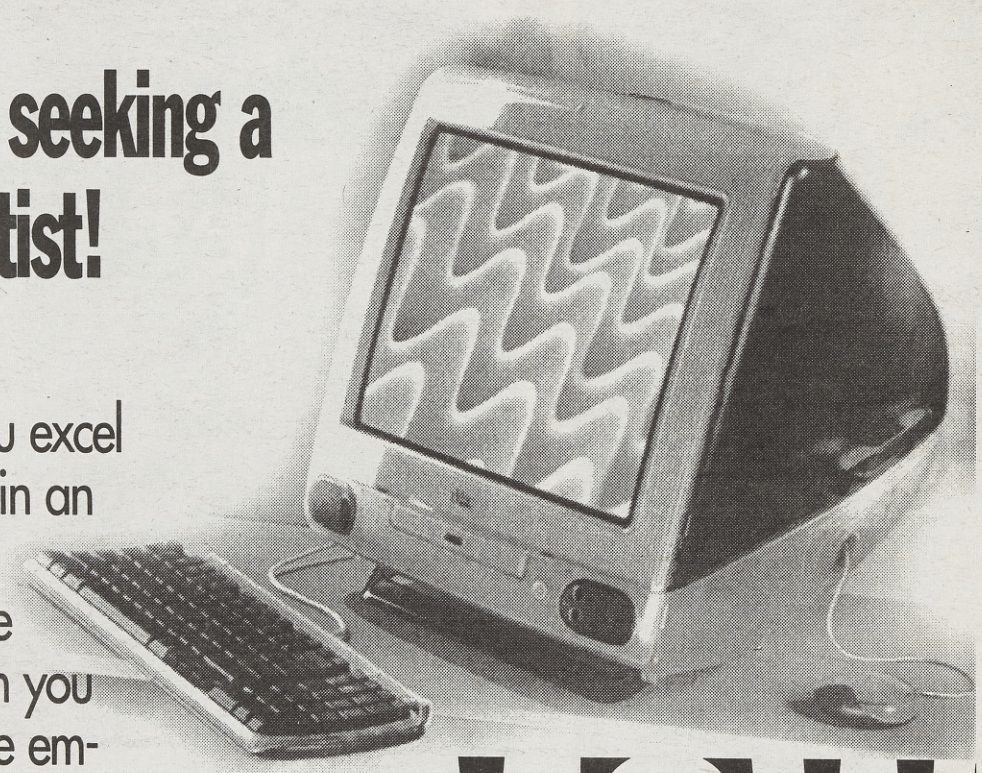

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